

TAMWORTH PLANNING BOARD

*****MEETING MINUTES*****

October 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Sheldon Perry.

Present: Sheldon Perry, Becca Boyden, Eric Dube, Andy Fisher, Pat Farley, David Little, Dan Poirier-
Selectmen's Representative

Absent:

Alternates Present: Nicole Maher-Whiteside

Alternates Absent: Dom Bergen

Approval of Minutes:

- 9/27/17 meeting minutes- cross out work session in the title. Motion to approve as corrected was made by David, seconded by Eric. APPROVED Sheldon and Dan abstained
- 10/11/17 work session –Sheldon commented that he would like to omit Jeff Hayes from the meeting about the maps. David would like to congratulate ourselves on a job well done. A motion to approve as corrected was made by Becca, seconded by Dan APPROVED Eric abstained

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Treasurer's Report – Eric – 75% of the budget remaining. Budget advisory meeting tonight
- Secretary's Report – 1 new application tonight
- Rep to Economic Development Commission – Pat – meeting regarding Tech Forum on November 9th at Town House.
- Lakes Regional Planning Commission – none, no MWVEC
- Rep to Municipal Safety Building Committee – Becca – The consultant will be coming back at the November meeting to work with the committee to get more specific about the needs of the town.
- Hazard Mitigation planning.- Next meeting is November 14th . Matching funds, attending the meetings counts. This meeting will be held at the Central Fire Station.
- Capital Improvement Program Committee – none
- Selectmen's Rep – The chief was sworn in. A new sergeant was hired for the police force. Advisory budget committee meeting is tonight.
- Rep to Conservation Commission– Light meeting this month. Easement monitoring. Planning to cut a few trees on the top of Page Hill to maintain a view toward Mount Chocorua and Chocorua Lake.

Public Service of New Hampshire dba
Eversource Energy
Subdivision Design Review Phase
Location of Proposal: Maple Road
Map 214 Lot 217

The hearing was opened at 7:20 pm. The rules of conduct were read by Sheldon Perry. David made a motion to accept the application as complete. Eric seconded. APPROVED

Donna Keely, Community Relations Specialist, Shawn Southworth and Nicholas Golon PE are here to present the application.

Eversource proposes to subdivide one lot into two nonconforming lots. This is due to divestiture. They need to subdivide the generation assets from the distribution assets. They are requesting three waivers-one for frontage, one for lot size, and one for monuments. This will be used for same purpose for 18 months, and unsure of use after that time. Dan Poirier – Lot 214/165 – activity there that was a topic of contention – the lot across the street that caused discontent – generator noise. This has nothing to do with this application.

The Board raised concerns about both lot size and frontage in terms of future use.

Beverly Hammond – asked for clarification about ownership. Donna Keely explained that PSNH and Eversource are the same utility, owned by NStar. All power plants were sold due to deregulation. This turbine was sold as well. The owner is Granite Short Power, a partnership of Atlas Holdings and Castleton Commodities. Eversource will still own the substation.

Brian Hobbs – concerns about the noise coming from the station. PSNH has not been a good neighbor. They never mentioned that it was such a loud engine that would run 24 hours a day.

That was a mobile substation. This allowed the company to work on the station while still providing power to the customers. It did run for two weeks. This will be addressed outside of the Planning Board meeting. Mr. Hobbs does not feel that this will work. Becca does not feel that this is an issue that the Planning Board is able to help with. Mr. Hobbs would like to know if the Town has a Noise Ordinance. David suggests that the Selectboard may be his best avenue for assistance.

There are no planned changes or changes to use of this property.

Ms. Keely received a complaint from the Hobbs family via Darlene at the Town Office. She did contact the Hobbs family at that time, and she did explain the situation to them.

Pat asked about the removal of the mobile device. It has not been removed, but is not being used at this time.

Monuments on the westerly side and Route 16 makes sense. Putting monuments inside the electrified fenced area does not make sense, so a waiver is being requested. Sheldon feels that highlighting with specific dimensions would be good.

Pat wants to know what the impact would be if the application is not approved. Eversource is not prepared to answer that question.

No decisions are being made tonight.

This lot has 20000 square feet, and this does not meet Tamworth requirements. Tamworth minimum is 30000 for Group A soils.

The waiver requests were reviewed.

The public hearing was closed at 8:17 pm.

The Board decided that the Design Review Phase has ended. David will send the applicant information to Sheldon, who will inform the applicants.

New/Old Business:

Becca reports that she has spoken with Dave Jeffers. She and David Little will meet with him on November 1st. They have pinned down the numbering on the maps and a proper source of town owned properties and cemeteries.

David reports that there is no separate tax record for 214/217. It is combined with all the power poles, but they may not be getting taxed on that lot. David has spoken to Darlene about how these things get reconciled. There are a couple by PSNH. 214/165 is also an issue. Dan will look into that situation.

Becca made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Eric seconded. APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Maher-Whiteside for Melissa Donaldson - Recording Secretary

Additional notes added by Melissa Donaldson after viewing the meeting on GovernmentOversite.com