

Town of Tamworth

Planning Board

*** PLANNING BOARD MINUTES ***

February 26, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Members Present: Dom Bergen Chairman, Dave Cluff, Jim Hidden, Selectmen's Representative Becca Boyden, Pat Farley, Tom Peters

Members Absent: David Little

Alternates Present: Lianne Prentice (pending alternate)

Alternates Absent: Nicole Maher-Whiteside

Minutes: 1/22/14 – no correction noted. Jim made a **motion** to accept minutes as presented. Pat seconded. APPROVED.

Treasurer: Tom reports that \$6467.85 has been spent, (31.97% remaining)

Secretary: David Little is absent. Dom states that there will be a review of the PSNH application for Scenic Road Maintenance.

Ordinance Review Committee: no report

Economic Development: Pat reports that the regional economic commission is looking for a commissioner. She is sharing information with the various Boards regarding future plans for expansion. The Selectmen must apply for TIF but the Master Plan has to be changed to grant them the permission to do so. The Planning Board should hold a public hearing to do this. Mike Izzard from the Lakes Region Planning Commission contacted Pat and requested that she share their desire to obtain a representative from Tamworth for their Scenic Byways Committee. If interested, please speak with Pat.

Selectmen: nothing to report

Conservation Commission: Becca reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. They are halfway to meeting their fundraising goal for administrative costs surrounding the Gilman property. The Bearcamp Valley Farm has an easement that has been sent to the Selectmen. A complaint has been received regarding the view lane on Chocorua Lake. Compliance with the Shoreland Protection Act is being reviewed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Public Service of New Hampshire
Scenic Road Maintenance
Hollow Hill Road**

Pat made a motion to accept the application as complete. Jim seconded. APPROVED

The hearing was opened at 7:22 pm.

Bob Berner, representative for PSNH, presented the application.

This application is for a line extension on Hollow Hill Road, a scenic road. The plan proposes approximately 2000 feet of line, 11 poles. The line will criss cross back and forth across the road to minimize cutting.

Tom Peters is not happy with the "schematic" plan that has been presented. He would like a plan that has enough detail for someone to look at 10 years from now and be able to understand.

Becca notes that it is shorter to access the property from the existing lines at the Colten home.

Sue Colten, Hollow Hill Road – was under the understanding that PSNH was going to provide options for the applicant to choose from. She is not happy with the proposal being considered. In the initial site walk with PSNH, several options were discussed which required burying lines from the existing power at the back of Sue's barn.

Ed Mautone – Hollow Hill Road – feels that the Cleveland Hill Road option was the only choice left after he and Mrs. Colten met with Paul Tremblay. His first plan from PSNH was provided at no charge. He believes that he will have to pay for additional plans if they are requested.

Bruce Robinson – Hollow Hill Road – finds it hard to believe that PSNH couldn't compromise somewhere to make a plan that did not include overhead lines on Hollow Hill Road

Pat Farley asks if Sue may be more receptive to other options at this point in time.

John Watkins – Chocorua – comments that buried transmission lines are a huge controversy at this time. Maintenance costs are substantially reduced with buried lines.

Jim Hidden verified with Mr. Berner that the reason this plan was brought forward was due to the resistance. He also questioned if the line would be overloaded. Mr. Berner cannot answer these questions as he is not an electrical engineer, but an arborist.

Diana Lewis of Bunker Hill Road concurs that an alternative should be pursued.

Bruce Robinson questions the date that the Ordinance was adopted. Dom has a version from 1993. Becca found information that dated back to 1972.

Bruce requests that the Planning Board wait on making their decision.

Tom Peters made a motion to continue the hearing, requesting that PSNH bring alternative plans, clearly defined, to the next meeting. Jim seconded. Tom withdrew the motion, Jim withdrew the second.

It is recommended that the Board notify PSNH, in writing, the lack of decision, and what is being requested in regards to alternative plans.

Tom made a motion to continue this hearing to the March 26 meeting, no earlier than 7:15 pm, and request that PSNH provide several alternatives for supplying power to the Mautone property. Pat seconded, APPROVED

Lianne Prentice asks if “several” could mean that if PSNH returned with one additional plan that was acceptable to the interested parties, the requirement would be met.

The minutes from this meeting will be sent to Bob Berner and Paul Tremblay of PSNH. If further information is requested, Dom will respond.

The hearing was closed at 8:32 pm.

Jim Rhines has requested an informal discussion about a boundary line adjustment at the former site of Chocorua Valley Lumber. He is here on behalf of Ambrose Brothers. They have a buyer for one of the parcels, and have an issue with a conservation easement.

This would include Tax Map 206 Lot 41 and Map 206 Lot 2.

It is the Board’s feeling that they may be favorable to accepting waivers for, topography, etc. due to the fact that so much information on these properties is available through all the reclamation plans, etc that have been previously submitted.

Rose Homeyer has approached the Selectmen, asking to be added to the warrant for this year to be repaid for the legal fees incurred. Jim notes that the request was not received prior to the deadline and the Selectmen did not approve the request.

Becca made a motion to adjourn at at 8:49 pm. Dave C seconded. APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Planning Board Clerk