

TOWN OF BOXFORD

Minutes of the Boxford Planning Board January 23, 2019

adopted February 20, 2019

The Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Boxford Town Hall.

Present: Robert Gore, Ross Povenmire (Planning Agent), John Adams, Angela Steadman, Ellen Nestervich, Pat Canonica

Absent: Christian Wise, Holly Langer

It was stated that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast on Boxford Cable Access Television

ANR Glendale Road: 3 and 7 Glendale Road, 13-3-6 & 33, Sze

The applicants were not present

NGrid/Pond Street Scenic Road Act tree hearing

Jack Webb and Steve Toll were in attendance from National Grid. They have received a special permit for other aspects of the substation replacement project. They are requesting to remove seven trees. They will install evergreen shrubs to screen the substation.

Upon a motion made by Angela S. and seconded by Ellen N. it was moved to approve the removal of seven trees in the public way under the Scenic Roads Act and the Public Shade Tree Act; the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Georgetown Road Scenic Road Act tree hearing

John Dold was in attendance regarding a list of trees that need to be removed from Georgetown Road. Some work was already done at the other end of Georgetown Road and in this section many pine trees have started to come down and take wires out.

Pictures of the trees were presented. All the trees were tagged. A majority of the trees are large pines. Ross P. has observed the trees being proposed for removal and he agrees with taking them down as this will help with power outages and there would still be many trees left at the side of the road. There has not been any response in opposition to the trees being taken down. The only inquiry was on a timeline of removal as a mailbox is going to need to be moved.

National Grid will be contacted to see if they will remove a tree that has been severely pruned by them.

Charlie Haynes of 57 Main Street wanted to know what will happen to the stumps. John D. stated that if the stumps are near the road they will be ground up but if they are far enough from the road they will be left.

Four oaks on Ipswich Road are also being proposed to be removed. These removals were requested by a resident who stated that they impede his line of sight when exiting the driveway. It was the opinion of one of the Board members that only two of those trees be removed. It was suggested that there be a site walk of these trees to make a decision about them.

Upon a motion made by Robert G. and seconded by Pat C. it was moved to approve the removal of trees on Georgetown Road in the public way under the Scenic Roads Act and the Public Shade Tree Act as posted and further that the hearing will be held open for consideration of removal of trees at 499 Ipswich Road; the motion was approved by unanimous vote. The trees at 499 Ipswich Road will be viewed by the members.

Peter Cross from Depot Road was in attendance and wanted to know who pays for the tree removal and he was informed that the DPW pays for it. The process was discussed.

Discussion of interpretation of road length under the Subdivision bylaw

Charlie Haynes of 57 Main Street was in attendance regarding this agenda item.

The Haynes family is looking to develop their last piece of property in town. Bob Golledge is managing the environmental concerns for this project.

John Morin of the Morin Cameron Group was in seeking clarification on the Board’s interpretation of road length restrictions. Plans of the property in question were presented.

This item will be placed on the March meeting agenda so the Board will have time to research it.

Discussion of alcohol licensing in Boxford

Ross P. provided a report on discussions related to licensing one or more taverns in Boxford. A group has been formed to work on getting alcohol licensing in the town. Ross P. will keep the Board apprised.

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Upon a motion made by John A. and seconded by Ellen N. it was moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2018 as drafted; the motion was approved by unanimous vote with the exception if two abstentions

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phaedra Doucette, Minutes Secretary