

Haverhill Planning Board Minutes July 28, 2015

Draft Subject to Review, Correction, and Approval at Following Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Don Hammond

Planning Board members present:

Don Hammond

Mike Bonanno

Tom Friel

Mike Simpson

Tara Krause was excused.

Clerk Ed Ballam was NOT present

Members of the public included: Howard Hatch

2. Designation of Alternates

No alternates to designate

3. Agenda Approval

Mike S. made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Tom F. The vote was unanimous.

4. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mike B. made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26 meeting. Tom F. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with Mike S. abstaining because he did not attend the June meeting.

5. Scheduled Public Appearances previously scheduled.

None

Don H. asked for a motion to skip to Agenda item No. 11. Mike B. made that motion, it was seconded by Mike S. The vote was unanimous.

Don H. gave Howard H. permission to address the board.

Howard H. said he was part of the highway advisory board and as such he wanted to talk to the board about the road requirements for the acceptance of ways as public roads. He said the standard of 1.5-inches of asphalt for a town road was going to have to be increased, or the planning board was going to have to restrict acceptance of the road because if the board did not, the town would never catch up with it maintenance.

He said the town's airport commission is planning to use a bed of reclaimed asphalt and 1.5 inches of asphalt for a taxiway and he said it won't stand up. He said a propane tanker truck on a road with 1.5-inches will soon look like a cemetery with ruts and trenches

Howard H. said the selectboard doesn't seem to get it, that 1.5-inches is not enough and therefore he thinks the planning board should step up and change the regulations. He said if the town is going to have road and take on new roads, the planning board needs to make sure they are up to standards. He said the current building permit to build on private ways is too vague. He said the

question that ask was the road build to the certification of the road agent. He asked what are roads and what are the standards.

Tom F. said he can answer the question. He said they are the standards that were in effect when the road was construction as laid out and approved by the planning board. He said that issue was vetted by the town's lawyer.

Don H. said the planning board got information from the state highway department as to what roads should be and details about construction. Don H. pointed out the regulations state what the base should be how wide the road should and drainage and asphalt.

Howard H. asked if the regulations are followed. Don H. said they are supposed to be. Don H. said the planning board is not the agency that follows up on the construction, it's the road agent's job to do that like was supposed to be done on Benedict's Way. Don H. said there's a big section of Benedict's Way that is all broken up. Don H. said he doesn't want the town taking on any additional roads until they fix the ones they've got already. He said he traveled County Road just this evening and by Bob Stoddard's house and by Howard H.'s property which are in need of repair. He said if those sections of road are not repaired soon, they road is going to be lost.

Howard H. said that's a good example trying to stretch money too far. He said the town has only so much money and instead of doing a good job on sections of road, and stopping when the money runs out they continue.

Don H. said he travels that road a lot by Stoddard's Hill and it makes him sick to see the road getting worse and worse and no one is putting any cold patch in or making any attempt to fix the problem.

Howard H. said a shim coat won't work. He said there's no way to put down an inch of asphalt and expect it to stay on the road surface. Howard H. asked how much money has been spent on sections of Brushwood Road to get it up to specs. He added it says no through trucking. Don H. said trucks go right through. Howard H. said some of the trucks that go through Brushwood Road weigh 100,000 pounds. Don H. said log trucks especially.

Howard H. said he wishes there was a way to do something.

Don H. said the only thing the planning board can do is make recommendations to the selectboard .

Tom F. said the planning board is considering going through the regulations and redoing them and considering what needs to be updated. There's a portion of the regulations that pertains to roads. He said the road specifications and the subdivisions regulations need to be updated and he said it is a priority. Tom F. said that he and Howard H. had a conversation about that topic in the parking lot and need to change somethings, but Tom F. didn't want to go into selectboard business in a planning board meeting.

Howard H. said he was at the last selectboard meeting when Selectman Chairman Wayne Fortier said Howard H. was hot headed. Howard H. he cares about the town and wants things to be done right and that's why he was at the planning board meeting.

Howard H. said the easiest thing to do is build them right in the first place. Don H. said that maybe when the planning board gets to the section regarding road construction and specification, the board would invite Howard H. and Bob Maccinni to discuss the specifications. After that, the town would have to vote them in.

Howard H. said the planning board would have to ask Town Manager Glenn English for permission because the highway advisory committee is not supposed to meet without Glenn E. or the road agent's request. He also said that Selectman Rick Ladd was going to serve as Chairman of the advisory committee.

Don H. said he would ask Rick L. have the highway advisory committee work with the planning board on the regulations.

Mike B. said he saw no harm in asking the advisory committee members to sitting on the discussion about roads as guests.

Tom F. said Bob M. and Howard H. could come in as members of the public and offer public comments.

Don H. said the planning board isn't planning to review the subdivision regulations at tonight's meeting as the clerk is not present.

Howard H. thanked the board for listening and the discussion about roads ended.

6. Correspondence/Communications

None

7. Reports of Committees

None

8. Pending Business

Don H. said the board should skip any discussions about Subdivision revision at this meeting.

9. New Business (Applications)

None

10. Other New Business

The board reviewed two building permit applications on private roads, both on Benedict's Way. The first one considered was submitted by Jeff Elliot for property at Tax Map 414, Lot 7. Don H. said there's not a lot of information on the permit. Mike S. said it appears the application is incomplete. Mike B. agreed. He said there are many sections not filled out or have not been checked off.

Tom F. said that unless he's mistaken, the applications are given to the planning board for review and comment.

Mike S. said he would like to know what Jeff E. is building on the property. Mike S. said it could be a warehouse for something. Don H. said it was going to be a new log home. Don H. said it does not appear the construction is going to be of detriment to the community or violate any of the town's ordinances.

Don H. asked what the board wanted to do with the application.

Tom F. asked if the application is complete. Mike B. said he honestly did not think it was complete.

The digital recording ended at 17:58 minutes, leaving nothing to transcribe.

11. Public Appearances (Not Previously Scheduled)

See Item six

12. Comments of the Clerk

None – clerk not present

13. Comments of the Planning Board

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14. Other

15. Adjournment/Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting is on August 25, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Ballam, Planning Board Clerk