

Haverhill Planning Board Minutes
James R. Morrill Municipal Building, Haverhill, New Hampshire
November 28, 2018 7:00 p.m.

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Planning Board Members Present: Chairman Don Hammond, Howard Hatch, Gary Hebert and Chris Luurtsema

Clerks: Austin Albro was also present.

Members of the Public Present: Jacob Burgess, Mike Poole, and Jeff Maerder

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Don Hammond

The Planning Board on motion of Gary Hebert, seconded by Chris Luurtsema voted to approve the agenda for November 28, 2018.

Howard Hatch clarified that when he spoke about cemetery land at the last meeting, he was not talking about land disturbed by excavation. He again inquired about the accounting procedure for sand being removed from the Town pit in Haverhill. The Planning Board on motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Howard Hatch voted to approve the minutes as amended for the October 23, 2018 meeting. Gary Hebert asked if a report or minutes from the gravel pit tours would be produced. Clerk Albro stated that it would be completed.

Pending Business:

Lot Line Adjustment: Richard Leblanc, Map 422 / Lots 87 & 88

Clerk Albro stated that Ms. Wendy Munn had reached out to the office stating that she was having her property surveyed. There was discussion regarding the property owner boundary dispute. Jacob Burgess, Pioneer Land Surveying LLC. stated that nothing in the plans has changed and that it was not necessary to re-notify abutters. Clerk Albro stated that because the Planning Board was not able to set a date certain, statutorily they should re-notify abutters, at the advice from the New Hampshire Municipal Association Legal Inquiries staff. Clerk Albro stated that he felt without another public hearing scheduled with a date certain, the Board should not vote the Lot Line Adjustment. At the direction of Chris Luurtsema and Chairman Don Hammond, the Planning Board reviewed the tape from the October meeting. The Planning Board made the determination that the implication that the Leblanc Public Hearing would be continued at the November 28 meeting was satisfactory. Chairman Hammond opened the public hearing at 7:20. On motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Howard Hatch, the Planning Board voted to approve the lot line adjustment for Richard Leblanc, Map 422 / Lots 87 & 88.

Lot Line Adjustment: Jeff Maerder, Map 206 / Lots 51 & 53

There was discussion regarding a preliminary lot line adjustment submitted by Jeff Maerder. The Planning Board advised Mr. Maerder and Jacob Burgess that the December meeting was going to be scheduled for December 18 and the application needs to be complete and submitted by the end of the week in order to get it in local paper in time for proper notice.

New Business:

Tyler Phillips, Horizon Engineers submitted a request to be on the December Agenda to discuss the status of David and Judy Whitcher's gravel pit.

Chairman Hammond directed Clerk Albro to let Mr. Phillips know that the meeting will be on December 18. Clerk Albro expressed that there was concern from Mr. Phillips on behalf of David and Judy Whitcher regarding their pit's grandfathered status. In 2014, it was stated in the minutes that the pit was indeed grandfathered. Clerk Albro stated he was not aware of satisfactory evidence to prove the grandfathered status and the determination in 2014 was likely a mistake.

Gravel Pit Update:

Clerk Albro stated that Tyler Phillips will likely come to the meeting seeking clarification and would not be submitting a complete application based on the confusion regarding status of the pit. Chris Luurtsema stated that he may have a compelling argument that the Board will take into consideration at the December meeting. Clerk Albro stated that he had communicated with Tyler Phillips on behalf of the Whitcher's, Roscoe and Carl Blaisdell, and David Long this week. Clerk Albro stated that he did not expect the applications to be complete and ready for Public Hearing in December other than Blaisdell's.

Comments of the Public (Not Previously Scheduled):

- Road Agent Stuart McDanolds was present at the meeting to discuss Benedict's Way. Chris Luurtsema expressed concerns that there was a laundry list of items that were addressed regarding the Town assuming responsibility and maintenance of Benedict's Way and the list was reviewed. There was discussion regarding the length of the hammerheads, which are currently 50 feet but subdivision requirements. There was discussion about thin shoulders, quality of pavement, and addition of a culvert by the hammerheads. Chairman Don Hammond stated that someone had outlined a dip that was a couple inches deep, with pink paint. Road Agent McDanolds expressed concerns about the length of the hammerheads. He stated that he wasn't aware of the highlighted dip but would take a look. Gary Hebert expressed that if you turn off of Brushwood, the crack and dip is on the first corner, right where the culvert is. Road Agent McDanolds stated that where the crack is, they have come up with a plan to put 2 rows of underdrain to remedy the water issues, one row is approximately 55 feet long and the Highway Committee has seen the proposal. Howard Hatch stated that you're really going to have to open up the road to see if the material is adequate. Stuart stated that the Highway

Committee requested a number of borings be completed by Jeff Elliot to see if 2 feet of material was used during the project. Chairman Hammond stated that he did not believe the borings have been completed. Howard Hatch asked if Mr. Elliot has seen the list. Stuart stated that believes Mr. Elliot had seen the list. Chairman Hammond suggested Town Manager English reach out to Mr. Elliot and share the list. Chris Luurtsema asked the Board, of the 13 items on the list which were the biggest concerns. Chairman Hammond stated that the material used on the hammerhead wasn't built with the correct material and is not firm. Gary Hebert and Howard Hatch agreed with Chairman Hammond. Road Agent Stuart McDanolds stated the Hammerheads could likely be stretched out to 60 feet but the property pins. Chris Luurtsema stated that he will not accept low quality pavement and wants to review the borings. Chairman Hammond stated that the culvert needed was also a primary concern. Chris Luurtsema questioned the width of the shoulders. Stuart stated there were a few spots where the shoulder dropped right off. Chris Luurtsema stated that he wouldn't want to hold up this whole process because of the length of the hammerheads. Chairman Hammond stated that they cannot be made with low quality tar. Stuart McDanolds stated that about a half dozen loads of gravel should be enough to make the shoulders wide enough. Howard Hatch and Gary Hebert stated that more may be necessary to build a quality shoulder that will last. Chris Luurtsema stated that we needed to confirm that Mr. Elliot has received the list with feedback. Chris Luurtsema asked how we got subpar tar on the hammerheads. Road Agent McDanolds stated that occurred when the hammerheads were moved as requested by DES. Howard Hatch expressed concerns about 53' trailers that can legally make deliveries. Gary Hebert stated driveways did not provide an adequate alternative for large trucks to turn around. Chris Luurstema stated that if everything else was brought up to snuff, he'd hate to stall over the hammerheads. He stated if it was a new project, he would absolutely not go with it but because this has been going on for a number of years, he may be willing to accept the hammerheads at 60 feet. Gary Hebert expressed that he did not want the tax payers to feel the burden if the town assumes responsibility of the road but has to spend thousands of dollars to bring it up to standards. The Board thanked Stuart for his time.

Comments of the Clerk: Clerk Albro thanked the Planning Board members for their knowledge.

Comments of the Planning Board: Chairman Hammond requested Clerk Albro reach out to FHL, David and Judy Witcher, and Town Manager English regarding Benedict's Way. Howard Hatch stated that he would like it noted that if you put a proper base, top coat, ditches, and you use $\frac{3}{4}$ " or $\frac{1}{2}$ " stone and if you use a top coat that has body to it, as well, one inch of material adds 10 years of life to a road.

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The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, December 18, 2018 at The James R. Morrill Municipal Building, Haverhill, New Hampshire.

The Board on motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Gary Hebert adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin Albro, Clerk, Haverhill Planning Board