

Haverhill Planning Board Minutes
James R. Morrill Municipal Building, Haverhill, New Hampshire
December 18, 2018 7:00 p.m.

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

Clerks: Austin Albro was also present.

Members of the Public Present: Jacob Burgess, Greg Mathieson, Bruce Van Anderson, Tyler Phillips, Roscoe Blaisdell, Kenneth Blaisdell, Judy Witcher, David Witcher, Patricia Blackman, John Nelepavitz and Jeff Maerder.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Don Hammond

The Planning Board on motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Howard Hatch voted to approve the agenda for December 18, 2018.

Howard Hatch clarified that when he spoke about adding an inch of surface on a paved road, it was an additional inch on the top of 3 inches. The Planning Board on motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Howard Hatch approved the minutes from November 28, 2018.

Public Appearances:

Tyler Phillips, Horizon Engineers on behalf of David and Judy Witcher: Mr. Phillips stated that he is attending the meeting to seek clarification on a few questions that he had regarding the Haverhill Excavation Application. Mr. Phillips stated that the Alteration of Terrain for the Witcher Pits is due to the State of New Hampshire in May of 2019. Chairman Hammond stated that there were no records indicating that the pit was grandfathered. Mr. Phillips inquired about the requirement that septic system and wells that are within 150 feet of the boundary. It was clarified that this requirement is measured from the boundary of the pit. Regarding easements, the Planning Board determined that the 200 foot requirement again referred to the boundary of the pit, after discussion. Howard Hatch stated that prior to the pits opening for business in the spring of 2019, local permits should be in place. Mr. Phillips asked if current topographic conditions could be submitted to the Planning Board in sync with the Alteration of Terrain. Chairman Hammond stated that current topographic conditions could be submitted by April 1. Howard Hatch asked if this would hold up the permitting process. It was decided that the application process would not be stopped, but a conditional approval could be granted. Mr. Phillips asked about the requirement regarding the water table measurement and again requested that the information could be provided in sync with the AOT. Mr. Phillips asked if the MSHA barrier requirements would suffice on the plan. There are two pits on the parcel, Mr. Phillips

asked if the two pits on the single parcel could be permitted as one. Mr. Luurtsema stated that since it is permitted as two pits with the State, it should be permitted as two pits for the Town, as well. Chris Luurtsema clarified that Mr. Phillips will be bringing a completed application to the next Planning Board meeting, with the notation that the current topographical conditions and test pits could be submitted in April, in congruence with the AOT state permit.

Greg Mathieson, Benedict's Way:

Mr. Mathieson came before the Board to discuss the Town assuming responsibility of Benedict's Way. Road Agent McDanolds was not present at the meeting. There was discussion about the current condition of the road and areas that needed repair. Mr. Mathieson stated that Mr. Elliot would like to fix the crack in the road, denoted by spray paint. He is willing to put the culverts in and repave the hammerhead at the end of the road. Howard Hatch stated that almost meets the requirements but expressed concerns regarding the length of the hammerheads and brush along the side of the road. Chris Luurtsema asked if the pavement was extended to the end of the gravel, how much length would be added. The response was 10 feet on each side. The Planning Board stated that if the inside of the hammerheads were rounded, the hammerhead was repaved with quality material and extended to the end of the gravel, and if the culvert in the hammer head is replaced and the crack/heave denoted by spray paint is repaired, the Planning Board will sign off on the Town assuming responsibilities. Greg Mathieson and Mr. Nelepavitz stated that was agreeable. Chris Luurtsema directed Clerk Albro to submit the requirements to ITM English who will get in contact with Mr. Elliot.

New Business:

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

The Planning Board on motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Howard Hatch voted to accept the updated application as complete. At 8:10 Chairman Don Hammond opened a public hearing to discuss the Maerder Lot Line Adjustment. Mr. Burgess of Pioneer Land Survey stated that the lot number on the map was not accurate and it should be lots 51 & 53. An updated Mylar will be brought to the Planning Board office for signature. On motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Howard Hatch, the Planning Board voted to approve the lot line adjustment for Jeff Maerder, Map 206 / Lots 51& 53. At 8:12 on motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Howard Hatch, the Planning Board closed the Public Hearing for the Maerder Lot Line Adjustment at 8:12.

Haverhill Excavation Application: Blaisdell Trust, Map 413 / Lots 106, 107, & 119

The Planning Board on motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Howard Hatch voted to accept the application as complete. At 8:13 Chairman Don Hammond opened a public hearing to discuss the Blaisdell Excavation Application. The application was reviewed by the Selectboard. There was discussion regarding current water table level and the monitor well that is needed to be repaired, as a condition of the approval. Roscoe Blaisdell stated that they are well above the water level and have approximately 20 feet of excavating left to do. In addition to fixing the monitoring well, Chairman Don Hammond instructed Clerk Albro to reach out to Mary

Pinkham-Langer to learn more about how Planning Boards determine the monetary amount required for the reclamation bond, in order to determine a reasonable amount, as a condition of approval. Howard Hatch acknowledged that there may be underground fuel tanks in the planned area of excavation. Chris Luurtsema questioned where fueling of equipment is taking place. Roscoe Blaisdell explained that fueling is done offsite and the screen sits on approximately 2 feet of compacted material. Ms. Patricia Blackman was present at the meeting and expressed that her only concerns were the pit getting any closer to her property or significantly deeper. She expressed that after reviewing the plan and learning that the pit will not get any closer to her house, she was satisfied and appreciated the opportunity to learn about the pit plan. The Planning Board stated a conditional approval, contingent upon a reasonable reclamation bond and repair of the ground water monitoring well, would be issued. At 8:47 the Public Hearing concluded.

Correspondence: Chris Luurtsema stated that he was unable to find his digital copy of the masterplan survey. Clerk Albro stated he would work to find one.

Comments of the Planning Board: Howard Hatch stated that he wanted it on record that there is underground fuel stored on the Blaisdell site of proposed excavation and precautions must be taken to avoid any potential contamination.

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The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, January 22, 2019 at The James R. Morrill Municipal Building, Haverhill, New Hampshire.

The Board on motion of Chris Luurtsema, seconded by Howard Hatch adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin Albro, Clerk, Haverhill Planning Board