

Enfield Planning Board – Meeting Minutes ZOOM ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM November 12th, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Fracht (Chair), Erik Russell (Vice Chair), Linda Jones and Phil Vermeer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Kluge, Kurt Gotthardt, Dan Kiley, Jim Bonner (alternate and videographer)

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Taylor- Land Use and Community Development Administrator

GUESTS: Heather Green-Applicant for Liberty Utilities, Kelly Hoffman-Consulting Arborist

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Fracht called the virtual ZOOM meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He took a “roll call” of members present for attendance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

III. SELECTMEN’S REPORT

None

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: October 28th, 2020

Mr. Russell MOVED to approve the October 28th, 2020 Minutes presented in the November 12th, 2020 agenda packet.

Seconded by Mr. Vermeer.

Roll Call Vote:

Linda Jones, Phil Vermeer, David Fracht, and Erik Russell all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (4-0).*

V. HEARINGS: Notice of Public Hearing and Scenic Roads

Notice is hereby given that the Enfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 231:158 concerning designated scenic roads in the Town of Enfield. The meeting will be held online via the Zoom Web Meeting Platform, on Thursday, November 12th, 2020 at 7:00PM. A presentation and hearing will be held regarding an application from Liberty Utilities to cut

vegetation on the following Scenic Roads in Enfield: Ibey Road, Lockehaven Road, and Oak Hill Road. Heather Green, from Liberty Utilities, gave her presentation on the road maintenance that is planned to be performed. They perform maintenance every 4 to 5 years to provide safety and reliability. Liberty Utilities came before the Board to identify the work they are about to perform. Anything under 5 inches in diameter or 15 inches in circumference is considered brush. Currently Liberty Utilities has identified trees that they would like to remove for maintenance, but they are not budgeted to do so yet. They would like to get approval so that when the money is available, they can go ahead with their maintenance.

Liberty Utilities had identified 2 removals on Oak Hill Road, 14 removals on Lockehaven Road, and, she believed, approximately 30 removals on Ibey Road. Liberty Utilities marked lightly on the scenic roads and usually mark more aggressively on regular roads. Pruning and flat cutting had been identified throughout the corridor.

Ms. Jones asked what a deferral meant on the application. Ms. Green said that all the trees were deferred to be cut until funding became allocated. Mr. Taylor asked if Asplundh was working for Liberty Utilities and would be doing the work? Ms. Green said yes, that would be the company doing the work.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Jones to approve the tree cutting plan on Enfield's scenic roads as submitted by Liberty Utilities.

The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Russell.

Roll Call Vote:

David Fracht, Phil Vermeer, Linda Jones, and Erik Russell, all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

**** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (4-0).***

VI. CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSIONS:

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Taylor was asked by the Board to reach out to local business owners to see if they would be interested in being on the Task Force for the creation of the Town's Master Plan. He spoke with Bill, the gentleman who runs Proctor's Store in Enfield Center and he showed great trepidation to committing time since he is very busy. Mr. Taylor also e-mailed George Merrill, owner of R-Tech, which sells skiing equipment, and Lori Bliss Hill, and has not

heard back from either one of them yet. He asked the Board if there were anyone else that they wanted him to reach out to?

Ms. Jones suggested Menard Southard. He just sold his business in Massachusetts and owns a home and a camp in Enfield. He is a very successful businessman. Mr. Taylor will give him a call to ask him about being on the Task Force.

Chair Fracht drafted a letter thanking all those that had shown interest in joining the Master Planning Task Force. He explained that even though they had not been chosen the Board would keep their contact information on file and contact them if any other volunteer opportunities arise. The Board went over the wording of the letter. Chair Fracht will send the letter to Mr. Taylor to be sent out.

Chair Fracht spoke about some unfinished business he felt the Planning Board had with Jake's Market. He spoke about the dumpsters needing to be screened in and the rain garden being placed on the property. Mr. Taylor sent a letter to the owner, Bruce Bergeron, and he has replied that is on his agenda for next Spring.

Ms. Green from Liberty Utilities came back into the meeting. She had forgotten to request 2 additional trees for removal on Lockehaven Road. The Board looked at the photos of the trees and agreed that they needed to come down.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Vermeer to approve the addition of two more trees to the tree cutting plan for Lockehaven Road.

The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Russell.

Roll Call Vote:

David Fracht, Phil Vermeer, Linda Jones, and Erik Russell, all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

**** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (4-0).***

Mr. Taylor spoke to Dr. Jerry Tice who said he had sent a letter out in 2019 asking to put new language in Section 600 of the Zoning Ordinance to expand the powers or responsibilities of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Taylor asked him to send the letter directly to him so he can share it with the Board.

IX. NEXT MEETING:

December 9th, 2020 if necessary

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X. ADJOURNMENT:

***A MOTION was made by Ms. Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.
The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Russell.***

Roll Call Vote:

**David Fracht, Phil Vermeer, Linda Jones, and Erik Russell, all voting Yea.
None voted Nay.**

**** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (4-0).***

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Higgins
Recording Secretary