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**Town of Richmond Veterans Hall**  
**April 12, 2016**                      **7:00 PM**                      **Planning Board Hearing**

**Members Present:**

Lloyd Condon, (Vice Chairman)  
Seth Reece (Secretary)  
Norma Thibodeau  
Chris Daugherty, Selectman Rep.  
Loreal Schmidt  
Jason MacDonald  
Butch Morin (Alt.)

**Members Absent:**

Harry Brake

Public: David Crane Eversource arborist and Lynda Daigneault.

Meeting called to order @ 7:05.

Butch Morin seated for Harry Brake.

**1. Public:**

Lynda Daigneault attended the meeting to ask questions in reference to the Eversource cut along Rt. 32 (Athol Rd.). She had two cherry trees she would like to have removed and is fearful they might take the lines out. Mr. Crane will contact the land owner and set up an appointment to look at the trees.

**2. Mail:**

Southwest Regional Planning Commission March 2016 Highlights.

Butch Morin SWRPC representative for the Planning Board shared with the Planning Board that the Commission had organized two workshops to be held on Wed. April 27, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Historical Society located @ 246 Maine Street, Keene. There is not cost and registration must be completed by April 22. Members interested are Butch Morin, Lloyd Condon, Norma Thibodeau, Chris Daugherty and Kim Mattson.

**3. Eversource Scenic Road Cut:**

David Crane Regional Arborist for Eversource Energy addressed the board in reference to the proposed trimming and cutting of trees and brush adjacent to and beneath town power lines pursuant to RSA 231:158.

Mr. Crane explained that Eversource specifications called for removal of brush and limbs less than 4" inches in diameter when located within 8' feet to the side of 10' feet below or 15' feet above conductors. Larger trees or limbs presenting a threat to the lines are inspected for decay or other defects and removed on a case by case basis.

Asplundh Tree Expert Company has been contracted to perform the actual trimming of trees. Asplundh is required to contact each landowner where trees are to be trimmed prior to starting work. Individual concerns will be addressed at that time. All brush and limbs cut on road side locations will be chipped. In undeveloped locations, the chips may be dispersed in to the woods but not to accumulate in piles or in ditches. The chips make good mulch and are often given to nearby property owners for landscaping purposes.

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This is a very aggressive campaign which encompasses 21 roads in Richmond and 176 trees to be cut. It's been 4 years since the last cut and Eversource likes to keep up with a schedule to help with power loss.

The Board agreed to meet Sunday April 24, 2016 @ 9:00 AM at the Veterans hall and car pool to each road. David Crane will contact Kim Mattson in reference to his availability that AM but if he couldn't attend he walk Eversource would send along a qualified person to answer all questions.

**4. Heavy Construction Site Plan Regulations:**

Southwest Regional Planning has agreed to compare the present Richmond Site Plan Regulations with the Heavy Construction Site Plan Regulations. Recommendations should be available to the board for their next meeting.

**5. Minutes of March 22, 2016:**

**Page 1, under section 3,** First paragraph, second line add an e to site. Same paragraph fourth line down add an s to phase. Third paragraph down third line at end of sentence add the word line to gas. Should read gas line.

**Page 2,** second line down change the 2/8<sup>th</sup> to 3/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile. Sixth line down change the word State Standard to Town Standards. At the end of the same paragraph add: word the regulations to exclude roads and bridges.

Motion made by Jason MacDonald to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Seth Reece. 5 in favor. None opposed. One abstention. Motion carries.

**6. DES Wetlands Bureau Permit by Notification:**

Permit by notification (PBN) sent to the Planning Board from the Richmond Parks and Recreation Commission for the Richmond Town Beach off of Pond Woods Road. Map 202 lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 for sand to be spread over a portion of the beach where surface water run off has created a channel leading to the pond. A berm will also be constructed to direct surface water run off away from the beach area.

**7. Other:**

Chairman Condon took a few minutes to introduce and welcome Loreal Schmidt as a new member to the Planning Board. Loreal served on the Planning Board for a short term years ago but resigned due to personal reasons.

Motion made by Butch Morin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Seth Reece. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kandace Mattson