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**Town of Richmond**  
**Planning Board Public Meeting: Scenic Road Walk Fay Martin Improvements**  
**August 5, 2014                      7:30 PM                      Fay Martin Bridge**

**Members Present:**

Richard Drew, Chairman  
Deb Duffy, Vice Chairman  
Lloyd Condon, Secretary  
Wes Vaughan  
Norma Thibodeau  
Butch Morin, Alternate  
Kathy McWhirk , Selectman Rep.

**Members Absent:**

Jon Pratt

Public: Gerald Cote.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Richard Drew @ 7:30 PM.

**1. Public:**

Nothing from the public.

**2. Minutes July 22, 2014 Fay Martin Scenic Walk: RSA 231:158 Scenic Road:**

**Page 1, under Members Absent:** Move Norma Thibodeau over to Members Present.

**Under Public:** Name correction from Gerald Cody to Gerald Cote.

**First Line:** Vice chairman Deb Duffy, seated for Chairman Richard Drew . Butch Morin seated for Norma Thibodeau. Change to read: Vice Chairman Deb Duffy called the meeting to order @ 7:30. Butch Morin seated for Richard Drew.

**Third section down:** Change, Remove 36” Oak located roughly, to **Removed 36” Oak** located roughly.

**Page 2, under fourth section:** Add, Seconded by Wes Vaughan.

**Fifth paragraph, second sentence:** add, and follow procedure. Sentence should read, It was suggested that a continuance would allow the board to do their due diligence and follow their procedures.

Motion made by Wes Vaughan to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Lloyd Condon. All in favor. None Opposed. One abstention. Motion carries.

**3. Fay Martin Rd. Scenic Road:**

Chairman Drew had written a letter to Planning Board explaining his reason for calling an emergency public meeting to reconsider the Planning Board vote on the Fay Martin Road improvements of July 22, 2014. (see attached)

Discussion included information on RSA 231:158 Scenic Roads. Question was asked what further information the Planning Board may want other than what is on the plan?

Discussion continued on the Fay Martin Road improvement. The Scenic site walk offers many different ways to

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conduct a road walk. The board has accepted and done many walks in different manners depending on the situation, to date the board has no set procedure.

Chairman Drew continued, that from reading the minutes he has found no discussion from the board asking questions or clarification to satisfy any concerns the board may have had. At the end of the walk the board requested that the road is flagged and staked which seemed to be more then the board has requested in the past.

There is one easement left for the town to acquire for the road improvements. The land is located at the Fay Martin bridge end of the road. The Selectmen are working with the land owners and their bank to acquire that easement. If the easement isn't satisfied then the town will begin the process of eminent domain to satisfy a Court Order for road improvements. Until the final easement is satisfied the town can begin the road improvements at the other end of the road.

It was stated that in the past all site and construction plans have been required by the board that the property and improvements be flagged and staked according to the final plans. The example of the Monument Road Scenic walk which was for widening the road for a residence was not flagged or staked. The Scenic Road walk for improvements done on Old County Road were marked. Greenwoods Road walk the locations of the future poles were staked but the trees were not marked. In the past PSNH would come before the board with a map and tell the board what roads they were cutting and the board gave them the go ahead with no walk. There is no set procedure that the board has in writing for Scenic Roads. The board must rely on the RSA which has no information on procedure.

Concern that the plans presented for the Site walk were marked Not for Construction. The plans needed to have changes made involving drainage and a fire truck turn around. It was stated that other then the easement the set of plans should be firm and in place and they should be marked for construction. It was suggested that the board has had plans presented to them in the past and they were final plans. Plans were asked for Greenwoods Road but not for Whipple Hill for improvements to widened the road. Frequently, plans are changed on site due to circumstances that were not discovered at the time that the plans are drawn, in this case they submit the final plans after the work is done.

The board understood that the road improvements are Court Ordered but the Planning Board shouldn't make exceptions, and they should stick to procedure. Being Court Ordered makes the necessity for the process to be done properly. It was suggested that the cutting could begin on the land owner's property and this would not stop the improvements from moving forward. The board is only concerned with the right a way and what that consists of with the trees and stonewalls on it.

The cutting can not start on the land owner's property, according to the plans the cutting to be done for improvements would fall under Scenic Roads.

The two changes to the plans presented would be the addition of a fire truck lane which involves no tree cutting and moving the drainage down about 75' which involves very little cutting.

Motion made by Deb Duffy to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Wes Vaughan. All in favor. None opposed.

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Motion made by Chairman Drew to conditionally approve based on plans provided by the Selectmen for Fay Martin Road dated 2/21/14, no revisions. Conditional to cutting trees, grading or stonewall relocation the Selectmen will come back for Planning Board for approval. Planning Board would like to inspect the progress on occasion

Seconded by Wes Vaughan. Five in Favor. Two opposed. No Abstentions. Motion carries.

Motion made by Lloyd Condon to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deb Duffy. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:23.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kandace Mattson