

Town of Richmond
Planning Board Public Meeting
February 6, 2024, 6:30 PM Taylor Van Brocklin Municipal Building
Final as Revised

Members Present:

Doug Smith (Chairman)
Lisa Traeger
Kim DeMasco
Doug Bersaw (Selectman's Rep)
Lloyd Condon (Alternate)

Members Absent

Kathryn McWhirk (Secretary)
Stacie Maillet
Jed Butterfield (Vice Chairman)
Karen O'Brien (Alternate)
Joe Norman (Alternate)
William Daniels (Alt. Selectman's Rep)

Public: Antoinette Cincotta, Steven Anglin (Representative for Consolidated Communications)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Condon was seated for Maillet.

1. Public:

No inquiries from the public.

2. Mail:

3. New Business:

a. Consolidated, 316 Scenic Roads.

Steve Anglin from Consolidated Communications attended the meeting to discuss Article 3: General

Provisions, under section 306 Scenic Roads. All roads in Richmond other than Routes 32 and 119 have been designated Scenic Roads, pursuant to RSA 231:157 & 158.

Mr. Anglin discussed that Consolidated would be only trimming branches (not cutting trees) along the routes they will be installing fiberoptics. He was requesting permission to cut branches that could be a potential problem or are presently touching the phone lines from above.

Asplundh will do the work. Asplundh is presently split between Eversource and Consolidated. Larger tree maintenance is done by Eversource, and the poles now are split between the two companies. There will be no one different working on the lines, the same crew as in the past and they are familiar with the town.

Once Planning Board approves, the crew will begin to contact landowners. If a homeowner isn't home, they will leave a door knocker and wait for a response from the occupant. Mr. Anglin gave the board a copy of the areas they will be trimming identified with the nearest utility pole.

There are also two boxes that will be placed in two areas of the town. Boxes are 3 feet by 3 feet and carry no electricity. The older original boxes will be removed. Richmond is a grant town, so every household needs to be addressed. It is up to the homeowner if they'd like the service.

After further conversation it was decided that Consolidated did not need the approval of the town since they were only trimming smaller limbs from around the wires. It was the understanding of the board that each homeowner would be contacted by Asplundh.

Motion made by Condon to approve Consolidated limb trimming. Seconded by DeMasco. Discussion.

Condon would like to ride the route and look things over. He took one of the papers that were given out at the meeting with him.

All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carries.

(Attachment: Consolidated paperwork)

4. Old Business:

a. Proposed Zoning Amendments:

- Advertising;
- ? Post cards;

The Board decided to work on minutes that have accumulated with the board working on Zoning changes for the ballot.

b. Minutes of November 21, 2023, Final Version:

Minutes of November 21, 2023, were revised and accepted by the board but the wrong copy was pulled and sent to the Town Office. A new copy will be sent with the revised version.

Minutes of December 5, 2023: Final Version

Motion made by Bersaw to approve the minutes of December 5, 2023, as amended.

Seconded by DeMasco.

Five in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Minutes of December 12, 2023: Final Version

Discussion on 12.12.23 minutes.

Motion made by DeMasco to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023, as amended. Seconded by Traeger.

Four in favor. One opposed. Motion carries.

Minutes of December 19, 2023: Draft

Motion made by DeMasco to approve the December 19, 2023; minutes as amended.

Seconded by Bersaw.

Four in favor. One abstention. Motion carries.

Board decided to table the minutes of January 9, 2024, and January 16, 2024, for the next Planning Board meeting to be held February 20., 2024.

Minutes of January 9. 2024 Draft

Minutes of January 16, 2024: Draft

- c. **Master Plan:** Copies for review by the board.
- d. **Land Use Assistant Standard Operating Procedures:** LUA Stated this will not be done.

5. Other:

Motion made by Condon to allow him to do a site drive by himself to look over the route for trimming by Consolidated. Four in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Motion made by Bersaw to adjourn. Seconded by Condon. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries. The meeting 6adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kandace Mattson