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**Town of Richmond
Planning Board Public Hearing**

August 25, 2015

7:30 PM

Planning Board Public Meeting

Members Present:

Lloyd Condon, (Vice Chairman)
Seth Reece (Secretary)
Norma Thibodeau
Harry Brake
Chris Daugherty, Selectman Rep.
Butch Morin, Alternate

Members Absent:

Public: Richard Drew and Matt Drew.

Meeting called to order @ 7:35

1. Public:

No input from the public.

2. Mail:

Southwest Region Planning Commission July Highlights newsletter.

Letter from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources in reference to a request for project review for the Four Corners Store site. The Land Use Assistant will do research to be sure this is strictly an FYI for the Planning Board.

3. Map 408-Lots 49,50,51 and 52 Lot line adjustments:

Butch Morin and Chris Daugherty stepped down and away from the table for this portion of the meeting.

Richard Drew presented the application for Map 408 Lots 49, 50, 51 and 52 in reference to lot line adjustment that was reviewed by the land use assistant, items missing included applicants signatures, wetland scientist seal, surveyors seal and checks.

Waivers were requested for:

501.2 Construction plans as there are is no new construction being requested

504.3 Grading plans.

501.7 Driveway Permit as there is an existing driveway in place.

501.11 Construction plans for new roads, there are no new roads planned.

Checklist under 504.1 Record Plat:

K. Town Boundaries as there are no town boundaries.

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Motion made by Harry Brake to accept the filing of the application presented for Map 408 Lots 49, 50, 51 and 52 as complete. Seconded by Seth Reece. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday September 8, 2015 @ 7:00 PM.

Butch Morin was seated for Wes Vaughan's empty seat. Selectman's representative Chris Daugherty also resealed.

4. Minutes August 11, 2015:

Page 2, first sentence , remove the apostrophe from committee's. Should read, commissions and committees.

Motion made by Norma Thibodeau to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Seth Reece. Four in favor. Two abstentions. Motion carries.

5. Rules of Procedure:

Rules of Procedure, additional changes on Page 4. Bottom of page under Records, Second line add Office after Town Clerks. Should read available for public inspection at the Town Clerks Office.

Page 6, under Amendment last sentence change filed to filed.

6. AECOM response reference to the Northeast Energy Project:

At this time the Selectman are working closely with the Conservation Commission, Agricultural Commission and Heritage Commission to complete the draft copy of the Sensitive Resource Inventory Mapping created by Southwest Region Planning Commission for the proposed pipeline. Chris Daugherty added that Selectman Catherine McWhirk will visit individual land owners abutting the proposed pipeline to add areas of sensitivity for each lot. Chris Daugherty will keep the Planning Board updated on the progress of the Sensitive Resource Inventory Mapping.

7. Blasting/Clean Water Ordinance information:

Members of the board were either emailed or received a hard copy of information from the New Hampshire Municipal Association in reference to the Board's inquiry about a blasting ordinance for Richmond.

It was recommended that the Board can adopt a national building code pursuant to RSA 674:51-a (suggestion was NFPA 495:Explosive Materials Code).

Furthermore, the Board was given information that as far as the statutory references anyone performing a mining operation which include blasting must file a blasting plan with the department of safety under 12-E:4 in order to obtain a mining permit. The State RSA Chapter 158 govern explosives and explosive substances. RSA Chapter 155-E address's regulation of excavations which could also be implicated.

Another suggestion could be to adopt blasting regulations as part of the Towns site plan and subdivision regulations. Hooksett NH was a suggested town to review regulations and work from their model.

Representative Jim McConnell emailed a document designed by a retired attorney with the NYS Environmental

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Dept. (Local Law No. "B" for 2015) this document would help to insure protection for private groundwater drinking supplies from damage by blasting. Chris Daugherty discussed how important this is for Richmond to consider adding to our town ordinances.

The suggestion was made that this particular document contained many sections on blasting and might be what the Planning Board members could consider a blasting ordinance for Richmond as well as protecting the groundwater drinking supplies.

This will be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting.

7. Other:

1. Septic systems:

A brief discussion on septic systems and what role the Planning Board may have when replacement is necessary. The board agreed that this is under the guidance of the state and a state permit is required when new system is put in place. When an old system fails it's up to the Selectman to determine the process that needs to be taken.

2. Fish Hatchery Road Scenic cut:

Discussion on trees that were cut within the scenic road ordinance. It was clarified that a land owner who may wish to do cutting weren't required to follow the scenic road ordinance.

3. Fish Hatchery Driveway permit:

It was brought to the Selectman's attention that a driveway without a permit has been put on the South side of the power lines on Fish Hatchery Road. Discussion continued that the access has always been there and it wasn't a driveway. Further discussion deemed that the "access" was being used as a driveway for vehicles to park and then utilize the trails. An access road provides occasional access to a person's property for private use. When a curb cut is used on a regular basis to allow access and to park vehicles it's no longer an access but a driveway and parking lot. Chris Daugherty will do further research on this matter.

4. Eversource:

Eversource has been doing work on the high tension lines where they cross Fish Hatchery Road to prevent silt from coming down during heavy rain storms. They are in the process of "storm hardening" this particular right a way which appears to be dumping on Fish Hatchery Rd. and fills in the trenches clogging the culverts. Chris will get the Planning Board a set of plans in reference to the work being done.

Motion made by Butch Morin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Seth Reece. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Kandace Mattson

Attachments:

Local Law No. "B" for 2015