

Sutton Planning Board
Minutes
June 6, 2016

Approved _____

Present: M. Sanderson, R. Largess, S. Paul, W. Whittier, J. Anderson, W. Baker
Staff: J. Hager, Planning Director

General Business:

Minutes:

M: To approve the minutes of 5/23/16, W. Whittier

2nd: R. Largess

Vote: 5-0-0

Filings: The Board acknowledged the filing of a Site Plan Review and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit for 11 John Road for a facility that repairs and maintains refuse bodies and does some sales of bodies /accessories as well.

Form A Plans: None.

Correspondence/Other: None.

Public Hearing – 159 Eight Lots Road – Scenic Roadway & Public Shade Tree
(J. Anderson recuses himself as an abutter, and W. Baker acts a member in his place.)

R. Largess reads the hearing notice as it appeared in The Chronicle.

Carolyn Kyle was present with pictures and explained to the Board there are nearly two dozen trees along her frontage from small saplings to a few over 6” diameter that are choked with bittersweet and poison ivy. There is also a stone wall just behind the trees that is completely obscured by the trees and the vines. She would like permission to remove the trees if the Town won’t and also to clean up the wall. If she disturbs the wall at all stones would be re-stacked so the wall is essentially identical to its current state.

Tree Warden, Joe Camarra was present and confirmed the trees are in decline due to the fact that they are Ash trees as well as the fact that the vines are choking them. He said they are not an immediate hazard, and the Town does not have any available tree removal money until at least July 1st. J. Hager added the Town is responsible for well over 11,000 public shade trees with a tiny budget that allows for maintenance and removal of only about 20 trees annually. Even when the new fiscal year starts, there is no guarantee these trees will be deemed a priority compared to others that may be more hazardous.

Mrs. Kyle stated at this point she has obtained two differing quotes and doesn’t intend to do any work until at least the fall when the vines die back again. She will also have the contract stump the trees as low as possible. She just wants the option to remove them herself if the town can’t get to it in the reasonable future.

Motion: To grant approval to remove the 18 trees along the frontage of 159 Eight Lots Road that are in decline and choked by vines and to clean up the wall. If the applicant hires a contractor to remove the trees, they must be appropriately licensed and fully insured in accordance with Town standards. Additionally, if the stone wall is disturbed in any way, it must be re-stacked to maintain its current appearance R. Largess

2nd: W. Whitter

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To close the public hearing, R. Largess

2nd: W. Whittier

Vote: 5-0-0

Public Hearing – 65 Century Farm Road – Scenic Roadway

R. Largess reads the hearing notice as it appeared in The Chronicle.

Matt D'Anello was present with a plan showing the location approved by the Conservation Commission for the driveway for a new home at this location. He would like to create a break in the stone wall for this driveway and use these stones to fill and existing bar-way. He will simply un-stack, move and restack the stones with the intention of making it appear the wall along the frontage was never disturbed. The new opening will be 18'.

Motion: To grant approval to create a new 18' break in the stone wall at 65 Century Farm Road and use these stone to fill the existing bar way along the same frontage an in the same manner as the existing wall and any remaining stones will remain on the property.

R. Largess

2nd: W. Whittier

W. Baker noted the Historic Commission reviewed this application and as the wall will maintain only one opening with the same wall structure, the Commission had no objections. He also confirmed Mr. D'Anello will make sure the house number is on the house as well as the mailbox although this isn't a retreat lot or common driveway.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To close the public hearing, R. Largess

2nd: J. Anderson

Vote: 5-0-0

Public Hearing (Cont.) – Tefta Drive – Subdivision and Retreat Lot

Mr. Callahan sent the Board an email on behalf of his client asking for a one month continuance to resolve outstanding issues.

Motion: To continue the hearing to July 11, 2016 at 7:20 P.M., R. Largess

2nd: W. Whittier

R. Nunnemacher of 24 Singletary Avenue expressed concerns with the drainage calculations that were submitted without a stamp or signature. J. Hager noted three copies were submitted and one was stamped. It would appear the missing stamps were an oversight. He also expressed concerns with the quality and completeness of the many versions of the plan.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To appoint S. Paul Chairman for the upcoming year, W. Whittier
2nd: J. Anderson

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To adjourn, M. Sanderson
2nd: W. Whittier

Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned 7:50 P.M.