**PLANNING BOARD**

**27 School Street**

**HILLSBOROUGH, NH**

**DECEMBER 4, 2019**

 **DATE APPROVED**: 12/18/19

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS:** Gary Sparks- Chairman,Susanne White-Vice Chair, Mike Reopel**,** Bob Hansen, Adam Charrette, Stephen Bennett

**EX-OFFICIO:** James Bailey III

**PLANNING DIRECTOR:** Robyn Payson

**ALTERNATES:**

**EXCUSED:** Susanne White, Mike Reopel,

**Public Present**: Mary Ellen Johanssson, John O’Neil, Chris Sieg, Janet Sieg, Dan D’Arcangelo – Eversource, Kay Bennett, Garrett Scholler

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Sparks. The Chairman stated that Suzanne White and Mike Reopel were absent, but the Board has a quorum.

**Minutes**

11/20/19

Mr. Charrette made a motion to accept the minutes from 11/20/19, seconded by Mr. Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearings**

**Scenic Road Hearing**

**Eversource**

Dane D’Arcangelo with Eversource Energy explained they are proposing to do some tree removals on scenic roads including Barden Hill Road, Jones Road, Shedd Road, and County Road. The trees were assessed and trees that were dead, dying, diseased or otherwise affected will be removed. The property owners will be notified for permission. Also, the Planning Board must give permission for tree cutting. If either party refuses, the tree cannot come down. A list of trees in question were provided to the town for review. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approved everything on the list, seconded by Mr. Bailey. The motion passed unanimously.

**Site Plan Review Map 25 Lot 158**

6 Wall Street

Mark Phillips

The Storage Barn of Hillsboro, LLC

Garrett Scholler presented the proposed application for the self-storage facility on Wall Street. They would like to remove the old steel barn and replacing it with two more tradition type storage units in the existing footprint. Mr. Scholler further explained the plan.

Mr. Hansen made a motion to accept the application as presented, seconded by Mr. Charrette. The motion passed unanimously.

The public was invited to speak at this time. Chris Sieg, an abutter at 96 W. Main Street. His concerns have to do with water run-off. He states the excavator did not restore the retention pond and grading correctly. The applicant stated he could have the pond restored properly. He will also look into having the grading done properly as to not have run off on the abutters’ land. The Board decided to continue the hearing until December 18, 2019 to allow time for the applicants and abutters to work together to resolve the water run-off issues. Mr. Hansen made a motion to continue the hearing until the 18th with Mr. Bailey seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Site Plan Review Map 11E Lot 9**

Beard Road

Racy Bennett

Life Forest

John O’Neil of Life Forest and Mary Ellen Johansson of Life Forest presented the application for Racy Bennett. Ms. Johansson is proposing a memorial forest where they are enabling people to purchase planting rights in specific sizes in order to plant human and pet ashes underneath trees of their choice. They have paired with The Living Urn who sells biodegradable urns that hold the ashes. Root protect is used to protect the trees and dirt.

The application has been deemed complete and a motion was made by Mr. Charrette to hear the application. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion which passes unanimously.

Ms. Johansson stated that the land will be put in conservation easement. Also, she is the process of getting all the proper DES permits and is working with UNH to plant the proper trees in the wet land areas. DES wetland approval for plantings will take approximately five months. The applicants stated when a request comes in, they will come to the Planning Board to discuss. Currently, there are no plans to plant in this area. Crushed stone was discussed as the most favorable material to designate the parking lot. Biodegradable signs would be permit to mark a memorial area. There will be no plastic signs or garden gnomes. A plot plan will be made as well. Mr. Hansen made a motion to close the public portion of the hearing, seconded by Mr. Bailey. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve with conditions of DES’ stipulations and any state, federal or local guidelines that are beyond the Planning Boards and no paved parking lot. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Zoning Amendments**

Review Final Form and schedule Public Hearing.

Robyn handed out a copy of all the changes made in the zoning ordinance and a copy of the warrant articles that was sent to Town Counsel for review. Mrs. Payson also gave an overview of some of the changes. The Board discussed having the first public hearing on January 8th and if needed the second being the 29th.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm**

Dianne Rutherford

Administrative/Land Use Secretary