

**PLANNING BOARD
27 School Street
HILLSBOROUGH, NH
April 20, 2016**

DATE APPROVED: May 4, 2016

TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: Herman Wiegelman

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN: Donald Solomon

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN: Denise DeForest

MEMBERS: Gary Sparks, John Penny and Terry Cutter

EX-OFFICIO: James C. Bailey, III

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Robyn Payson

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Larry Baker

EXCUSED: Robyn Payson

MEMBERS of the PUBLIC: Joan Rich, Elizabeth Tunncliff, Ann Poole, John Segedy, Alan Rue, Nick Golon, David Crane, Bonnie Kurylo and Laurel Boivin.

CALL to ORDER:

Chairman Wiegelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Wiegelman appointed Mr. Baker to sit as a voting member in place of Mr. Penny.

MINUTES:

Chairman Wiegelman is postponing the approval of the minutes for March 16 and April 6 to the next meeting as several members of the Board had not had a chance to read them.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Eversource:

Site Plan, 8 Sawmill Road, Map 11G/Lot 307

Chairman Wiegelman opened the public hearing.

Mr. Solomon said as an abutter to this project he would be recusing himself when it came time to vote.

Mr. Rue reviewed the plan and explained there would be a new control enclosure building, expansion of existing building, drainage improvements and new landscaping.

Chairman Wiegelman said Mrs. Payson has informed the Board by email that the application is complete. He asked the Board if there were any comments or questions.

Mrs. DeForest asked for a clarification on the location of one of the buildings.

Chairman Wiegelman asked if any members of the public had any questions or comments.

Mr. Penny entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Poole asked about tree screening.

Mr. Rue showed where the new tree screening would be and went over the types of plants that would be installed.

Chairman Wiegelman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Baker said that since John Penny has arrived the Chairman may wish to appoint him to vote on this matter in place of Mr. Solomon.

Chairman Wiegelman appointed Mr. Baker to sit as a voting member in place of Mr. Solomon who has recused himself in regards to this matter.

Mr. Baker made the motion to approve the amended site plan as presented. Mr. Penny seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

Eversource: Scenic Roads

Mr. Crane explained Eversource's plan to remove trees located on scenic roads. He said there are ten trees on the original list but that number is down to nine because one tree did come down causing an outage on Beard Road. He added that if the Board approves the removal of the trees then Eversource will also have to obtain permission from the land owners.

Mr. Segedy requested a copy of the list of trees.

Chairman Wiegelman gave him his copy.

Ms. Poole said the long-eared bat is a state and federally listed species and they are cavity dwellers. She would encourage Eversource to consider removing just the tops of the trees.

Mr. Crane said Eversource has no objection to doing this however some of the trees are in front of people's homes and that may not be esthetically pleasing to the land owner.

Chairman Wiegelman suggested leaving the decision to the land owner.

Ms. Poole suggested that if the land owner didn't care one way or the other than the Planning Board could request that the tree be topped rather than removed.

Chairman Wiegelman asked if any Board member objected to that. No one objected.

Ms. Tunncliff asked what is the designation of a scenic road, how is it made a scenic road.

Ms. Poole explained that there is a state law which allows for the preservation of trees along the right-of-way of scenic road and stone walls.

Ms. Boivin said there is a town process for applying to the Planning Board to have a road classified as a scenic road.

Mr. Bailey recused himself from voting on this issue as he lives on one of the roads under consideration.

Chairman Wiegelman entertained a motion.

Mr. Solomon made a motion to accept Eversource's list for trimming on scenic roadways and all the designated trees for removal. Mrs. DeForest seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor, Mr. Bailey abstained.

Mr. Cutter asked if the Board needed to add the stipulation that the trees be topped when possible.

Chairman Wiegelman said that Mr. Crane has already agreed to that.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bailey said the Board had been discussing reviewing the sign ordinance especially as it pertains to electronic signs. He wanted to inform the Board that the School is installing an electric sign at the intersection of Hillcat Drive and School Street. He has told them that type of sign is not legal at this time and to speak to Mrs. Payson.

Chairman Wiegelman said they would have to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment a variance.

Mr. Sparks said the school maybe exempt.

Ms. Poole said it is hard to tell private advertisers they can't have an electrical sign when the school has one.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Baker said he had planned on speak to the Board regarding vape stores at the next meeting but he will have to change that to the second May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Wiegelman entertained a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. DeForest made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Iris Campbell
Recording Secretary