



FINAL

TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2020

Teleconference/Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Peter Guillette called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2020. He read the following statement, "As Chair of the Planning Board, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically, and these reasons shall be reflected in the minutes. Please note that there is a physical location to observe and listen comprehensively to the meeting and a method to join the meeting by electronic means. The numbers were posted on the notice for the meeting with a pin."

Present: C. Peter James, Vice Chair Peter Guillette, Selectmen's Representative Warren Kimball, Mary Hutchins, and Board Clerk Emily Owens;

Members of the Public: Grantham Conservation Commission (GCC) Chair David Wood and Alternate Ralph Beasley.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Peter James made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Mary Hutchins. **Mary Hutchins voted "Aye", C. Peter James voted "Aye", Peter Guillette voted "Aye". Selectmen's Representative Warren Kimball abstained because he did not attend the meeting. Approved by Roll Call (3, 0, 1).**

III. NEW BUSINESS

Approve the March 10, 2020 Grantham Zoning Ordinance

Vice Chair Guillette introduced the agenda item as review and approval of the revised Grantham Zoning Ordinance, as voted and approved by the Town on March 10, 2020. Vice Chair Guillette explained the Board needed to accept that the re-organized and re-numbered Ordinance is consistent with the Ordinance as amended.

C. Peter James made a motion to accept the document, seconded by Mary Hutchins. **Mary Hutchins voted "Aye", C. Peter James voted "Aye", Peter Guillette voted "Aye". Selectmen's Representative Warren Kimball voted "Aye". Approved by Roll Call (4, 0, 0).**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mary Hutchins requested the Board not work on revising documents until the entire Board can meet in person. Everyone agreed and she suggested a motion to that effect. C. Peter James made a motion to table revising the Zoning Ordinance and Planning Board document until such time as the entire Board can meet safety to discuss the topics, seconded by Vice Chair Guillette. **Mary Hutchins voted "Aye", C. Peter James voted "Aye", Peter Guillette voted "Aye". Selectmen's Representative Warren Kimball voted "Aye". Approved by Roll Call (4, 0, 0).**

1. Revised Zoning Ordinance
 - a. Telecommunication Section
 - b. Age of Manufactured Homes
2. Subcommittee formed to Revise Planning Board Documents
 - a. Subdivision Regulations
 - b. Subdivision Preliminary Application
 - c. Subdivision Final Application

These items will be removed from the Agenda until such time as the Chair decides to place them back.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a correspondent from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services regarding the Cove Drive culvert replacement reconstruction. GCC Chair Dave Wood spoke briefly regarding the document because the GCC had already reviewed the document. He mentioned the only concern the GCC had was the culvert was designed for exactly the 100-year flood. The proposed culvert replacement will improve fish access upstream and consolidates several culverts into one larger culvert. The Planning Board does not have any authority over the content of the document and is only notified as a courtesy. The document was review by the Board and available upon request from the document library.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chair Guillette invited GCC Chair David Wood to speak before the Board. The GCC is planning a logging operation in the Town Forest. The goal is to improve the quality of the stocking and to create several large patch cuts to introduce early successional forest to the property, as well as, gain some revenue for the Town. Before the logging operation can occur, it is necessary to improve the access to Four Corners. This will be done by building a new connection between the current terminus of Miller Pond Road and road to Four Corners and by improving the quality of the southern-most road that currently runs east from Four Corners. The former work requires moving a pole and rerouting the lines running from the relocated pole to the home of Eva Duff and Bruce Hosmer at 1140 Miller Pond Rd. Consolidated Communications has requested the removal of eleven trees to facilitate the work.

The GCC has been informed that Miller Pond Road is designated a Scenic Road and subject to RSA 231:158. C. Peter James asked who will be paying for the relocation of the utility pole. He explained that in the past Consolidated has relocated other poles and sent the bill to the Town after the fact. C. Peter James agreed to provide GCC Chair Wood with the name of someone at Consolidated to discuss this issue with.

The current situation is as follows, the Town entered a work order with Consolidated to relocate the pole, they have surveyed the area, and marked the trees for removal. GCC Chair Wood is here tonight to discuss the next steps for removing the trees. Vice Chair Guillette mentioned that the next steps are for GCC Chair Wood to write a formal letter to the Planning Board, providing a list of the trees to be removed and a map with their locations prior to the Planning Board deadline of August 13th for the September meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, C. Peter James made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Hutchins, ***Unanimously approved by roll call*** and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for September 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room of the Grantham Town Hall. Information will be provided for Board Members and the Public interested in joining the meeting online or by telephone.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Owens
Planning Board Clerk