

CANDIA PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES of September 16, 2015
APPROVED
Public Hearing

Present: Sean James Chairman; Albert Hall III, Vice Chairman; J. Lindsey; Tom Giffen; Ken Kustra; Mark Laiberte Alt; Scott Komisarek BOS Rep; Dennis Lewis, Road Agent

Absent: Mike Santa

Chair James called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked M. Laliberte to sit for M. Santa.

Minutes August 5, 2015

A. Hall motioned to accept the minutes of September 2, 2015 as amended. J. Lindsey seconded. T. Giffen, S. James, K. Kustra, S. Komisarek, A. Hall and J. Lindsey were in favor. M. Laliberte abstained. **Motion passed** (6-0-1).

Public Hearing

Crowley Road Tree Trimming Scenic Road: Notice is hereby given that the Candia Planning Board in accordance with RSA 231:158:II. Effect of Designation as Scenic Road, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia NH, to take comment on the request of Electric Coop to perform tree removal on Crowley Road which has been designated as a scenic road by town meeting vote; Pole 6 - (1) 25" white pine, Pole 8 - (2) 14" hemlock, (1) 12" Hemlock, Pole -10 (2) 12" hemlocks, Pole -11 (1)12" Ash, (1) 8" Ash, (1) 20" Hemlock. All trees are dead and marked within the ROW on Crowley Road.

Applicant Scott Knapp, Utility Forester Coordinator for NH Electric Co-op was present for Scott Carlson who is the forester for this area, as he was unable to make it tonight. No abutters were present. Chairman James opened the Public Hearing. He said all the trees were marked with the exception of one by pole 6 which was also noted by Dave Murray Building Inspector in his memo to the Board. Chairman James said the memo from the Building inspector was put in everyone's folder. T. Giffen said he couldn't find one tree either. S. Knapp said they are petitioning for approval from the Planning Board to remove trees that are dead along Crowley Road under RSA 231:158:II scenic road law. He said they are seeking permission under the RSA to take the trees down. He said the trees were all marked with green and black checkered tape and are dead. S. Knapp said that he has seen squirrels rip the marking tape off and will remark the 25" diameter dead pine tree at pole #6. Chairman James said his understanding is there are two land owners, one private and the other Bear Paw and he asked if they had obtained written authorization. S. Knapp said they usually only seek permission if it is outside their right of way but the town had requested that they provide written authorization. He said the private owner Leandra Kittle had emailed permission and is the owner of the 3 dead hemlocks. He said they have emailed and called Bear Paw and no one has gotten back to him so they will forgo taking down those trees. Chairman James asked if they were asking for permission from the Board to cut them down after receiving permission from the owner or not take the trees down at all. S. Knapp said technically he said he doesn't think they need permission from the land owner because of their right of way of the easements. Chairman James said their right of way is on the lines only. D. Lewis said the trees are within the Town's easement. Chairman James said there is an easement for the pole but not an easement to cut trees. D. Lewis said the poles are licensed by the town and there is no easement to cut trees and that is why they are here tonight at the hearing. S. Knapp said when he was talking with S. Carlson this morning they discussed that they were going to leave the trees that are in Bear Paw and just take down the 3 hemlocks on Leandra Kittle's property. D. Lewis asked if they would come back to cut down the other 6 trees.

S. Knapp said technically how they could handle it is there is another RSA that states if the tree is a danger to their line or if a danger to the road, they can take it down because it is public safety. He said in this situation he would just remove the trees because of the safety issue. D. Lewis suggested they go for permission to take down all 9 trees with the condition they get permission from Bear Paw to remove the dead trees so they would not have to come back. He said he has no issues on removing the 9 trees as far as he is concerned. Chairman James asked the one person in the audience if had any questions and he did not.

T. Giffen **motioned** to grant permission for their request to remove 9 dead trees on Crowley Road subject to them receiving written permission from the land owner. A. Hall **seconded**. M. Laliberte said he had one quick question. He asked if they were not going to do anything until they hear from Bear Paw and if they do not hear anything and it gets into the cold weather at that point couldn't they theoretically go and cut these trees without the Town's permission as what he is hearing the dead trees could pose danger to the lines. Chairman James said there is another process for that. S. Knapp said unless they get approval they are not going to remove the trees and if the trees fall down they will repair the lines. He said they were just trying to do preventative work. **All were in favor. Motion passed (7-0-0)**. Chairman James said the NOD will be sent out and he closed the public hearing. S. Knapp thanked the Board for their time.

Other Business

Master Plan update: Steering Committee Update

Chairman James said they have set a date for the first Steering Committee Master Plan meeting which will be on Wednesday September 30, 2015 at 7pm at the town hall. He said he had received two names from S. Komisarek and he will forward the information to Molly at UNH. J. Lindsey said she had 3 names too. She said they had their conservation meeting last night and the following people said they would be interested in being on the committee and they are Donna DeRosso, Susan Wilderman and Ellie Davidson. She said she would get their emails to the land use office. S. Komisarek said he talked with Joe Sobal from Exit 3 who said he wanted to think it over as he has a full time job as an engineer and has the Irving and is pressed for time but he didn't say no but he hasn't heard back from him either which makes him think he may not be that interested. He said he may have one other person and will know in a day or two. A. Hall confirmed Sue Young is on the committee as the Board of Selectmen's representative. Chairman James said he would check with Nicole Laflamme as he has not heard from the school board. He said it will probably not be anyone from the school board because they have a busy year coming up. M. Laliberte said he would send out the press release tonight to Alyssa at the Candia-Auburn Post, Hippo and two other papers. K. Kustra asked if it would be posted on the town website and it will be. M. Laliberte said he will ask to make it stand out and will ask around for another person or two now that the press release will be out there. Chairman James said it sounds like a pretty good group and if everyone shows up there will be about the right number. He said he will go to the first meeting. M. Laliberte asked about the agenda and how it would work for the first meeting. Chairman James said he believes Molly at UNH will create the agenda. He said he would imagine the first meeting would be similar to the presentation she gave to the planning board where she discussed the process and what they are going to do. M. Laliberte asked if they had a recording secretary for the meeting. It was suggested the meeting be taped and the land use secretary could do the minutes. Chairman James said either that or someone on the committee can do the minutes.

Chairman James said related to this, he got an email from Jack Munn who had been working on a transportation chapter update for the master plan. He said SNHPC secured some federal funding to do this which is good as this will be another chapter of the master plan that will be done. He said SNHPC has done different studies at intersections in different towns and there have done some road safety audits they are going to review. He said they also want to do a transportation survey where they will prepare a questionnaire and implement the transportation survey of the town residents. He said they are going to do some GIS mapping and look at some proposed solutions and plan development and do public outreach with implementation being the last step. Chairman James said part of this transportation chapter update is to have a steering committee. He said he told J. Munn they are just putting together a steering committee for

the master plan which was hard enough let alone more volunteers for another steering committee. He said he is not sure if J. Munn has coordinated this with M. Donovan from UNH.

M. Laliberte sounds like they are two different purposes and maybe they could get people do this after they get through the process of the master plan in March or April of next year if he could wait that long. Chairman James said with the federal funding they are looking to do this in October 2015 through August of next year. He said the first meeting will be this October, then a meeting in January 2016, March, May and one in August for a total of 5 meetings. S. Komisarek asked how many they needed on the committee. Chairman James said part of this is to have a local presence to ask questions and thought that D. Lewis would be involved somehow. D. Lewis said he met with them a few weeks ago and they are going to do a pavement survey as a pilot program for the entire state. He said Candia got chosen to do an analysis of all of the paved roads and every quarter of a mile they are going to do an assessment. He said this should help with the master plan update, capital improvement plan and also gives him back up to his budget numbers to the BOS. He said they will do this no charge to the town which is valuable. D. Lewis said he did not see any of Candia's intersections on the 10 year plan. Chairman James said he just got the email today about the transportation grant and wanted the Board to know about it.

S. Komisarek said it would be great to know a number from SNHPC to finish the master plan. Chairman James said they have already been chipping away at the costs since they have completed other parts to update the master plan such as a Natural Research Inventory, Open Space update and now they will have a transportation study. S. Komisarek said they already have a document to work with and wondered how much new material will be added. He asked when a warrant article would have to be submitted to make the ballot next March. He said he doesn't see a warrant article for more then what they already got which was \$5,000 maybe \$10,000. Chairman James said \$15,000 warrant article passed in 2003 and in the past few years they asked for \$6,000 and then around \$4,500 and both were voted down and it was only when the BOS endorsed the last warrant article request did it pass. There was a discussion on various dates, land use secretary to get timeline of budget process.

Subdivision Critchett Rd in Raymond

Chairman James said there is a 7 acre lot in Raymond on Critchett Road that has a .25 acre piece of the lot in Candia in the upper left corner Map 407 Lot 038. He said they want to subdivide the lot in Raymond. He said all the frontage is in Raymond. He said he has a drawing to show the small wedge in Candia to pass around. He continued saying the engineer was asking if Candia cared or if Candia had jurisdiction. He said there is language in the subdivision regulations on regional impact but personally doesn't think this is a regional impact. He asked if anyone objects to the subdivision on Critchett Road and if not, then Candia does not need to be involved with the subdivision. The Board was in agreement that they did not need to be involved.

Informational on Subdivision on Crowley Rd into Chester to be heard October 7, 2015

Chairman James said they have an informational at the next meeting on October 7, 2015 where a developer is coming in to talk to the Board about a subdivision in Chester where the only frontage for the development is on Crowley Road in Candia. He said in this case there will be regional impact with this subdivision. He said this came up about 10 years ago or so ago. D. Lewis said maybe even longer. He said from what he has heard from Chester there will be two access points both on Crowley Road in Candia, one on the hill when you go down Crowley Road midway and the other at the 90 degree corner. He said he had heard about this the other day which is hearsay and appears it is basically the same plan as before but reconfigured and he believes there to be around 66 lots. He said the subdivision would be using Crowley Road as their access. T. Giffen asked if Crowley could maintain the additional traffic. D. Lewis said it is probably no different than North Rd. which has 800 cars a day and they most likely would have the developer upgrade the road like what was done on Crowley Rd. He said Candia would have to maintain the 200 feet of frontage and Chester would have to come around with their school buses and plows and

anything else that needs to be done. He said this is no different than Deerfield, who comes all the way around to do their section of Currier Road.

Chairman James said the next meeting is October 7, 2015.

A. Hall **motioned** to adjourn at 8:40 pm. T. Giffen **seconded**. **All were in favor. (7-0-0)**

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Robichaud Land Use Secretary