

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
PLANNING BOARD
April 15, 2021
APPROVED MINUTES**

Members Present: Matt Young, Chairman, Gary Qua, Vice-Chairman, Bill Marcussen, Selectmen's Representative, Carol Bush, Laureen Hadley, Members, George Maidhof, Alternate.

Members Absent: Kate Nesbit, Tony Triolo, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Young opened the meeting at 7:01 PM at the Tuftonboro Town House.

I. Public Comment

No public present.

II. Approval of Minutes

April 1, 2021

Correction: Page 4, 11th paragraph; add to the end of the paragraph "as per the requirements of Tuftonboro's Zoning Ordinance."

It was moved Gary Qua and seconded by Bill Marcussen to approve the April 1, 2021 Planning Board minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (5-0).

III. Discussion Items

a. Eversource Energy

Scenic Road Tree Trimming & Tree Removal – Mountain Road and Durgin Road

Brian Salas, Eversource Energy, stated there are approximately ten trees to be removed along Durgin Road and Mountain Road adjacent to and beneath the power lines.

Matt Young asked what is proposed for the Ash trees.

Brian Salas stated the trees will have to be removed eventually.

Matt Young requested Eversource reach out to property owners to remove Ash trees that will need to be removed in the future.

Brian Salas stated the pre-emptive removal of Ash trees is not their practice.

The Board and Mr. Salas discussed the treatment of Ash trees.

Matt Young asked when the tree trimming would begin and how long it would take.

Brian Salas stated the trimming and removal would begin any time after this meeting and once all landowner approvals are received.

Matt Young questioned the clearance.

Brian Salas replied 15' to the side, 10' above and 15' below.

Carol Bush confirmed that all property owners are notified.

Brian Salas stated the RSA permits a mailing to the land owner. He stated that if the land owner doesn't respond to mailer within 45 days then per the RSA, permission is implied.

It was moved by Gary Qua and seconded by Bill Marcussen to open the public hearing. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no questions or comments, it was moved by Gary Qua and seconded by Bill Marcussen to close the public hearing. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

It was moved by Bill Marcussen and seconded by Gary Qua to approve Eversource Energy's request to trim and remove trees on Mountain Road and Durgin Road. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Ronald G. Hooper 2000 Trust
Boundary Line Adjustment
Tax Map #68-2-3 & 68-2-8**

Staff stated the Ronald G. Hooper 2000 Trust has been postponed.

b. Master Plan Steering Committee Update

Gary Qua stated the Committee continues to work on the Vision Chapter. He reviewed the postcard; noting he ordered 2500 from Blacksmith Printing and the intent is to mail the postcard by May 5th. He reviewed the Vision survey/questionnaire; noting drop boxes for such would be located at the Pine Cone Restaurant, Town Offices and Town Library and the survey would be mailed on May 10th. He stated the survey would also be available online. He stated he would contact the Tuftonboro Central School for students to draw pictures and/or maps. He reviewed the comment boards. He stated the mailers would be mailed to 2477 taxpayers. He stated the Committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 28th; noting the Committee would determine which chapter would be addressed next.

IV. Other Business

Virtual Meetings

Lauren Hadley asked what the BOS intend to do about hybrid meetings. She stated she tried to attend the April 1st meeting online however, the quality was poor and she could not hear anything. She asked what could be done to improve the quality of the meetings.

Bill Marcussen stated the Town is currently operating under an emergency order however, following the release of the order there is not a guarantee that the Town will continue to provide hybrid meetings and allow for remote participation.

Lee Ann Hendrickson stated she tested the equipment with a person who logged in remotely prior to the meeting and there were no issues.

Matt Young stated the decision to continue to hold hybrid meetings falls with the BOS.

Verizon Wireless Site Plan Review Application

Matt Young stated Verizon Wireless and the Board's counsel provided a list of RF engineers; noting there was one engineer in common – Ivan Pagacik, IDK Communications. He stated Verizon Wireless approved and estimated cost for review of \$3700. He stated the applicant looked at Abenaki Tower however, such is unusable due to public access to the site. He stated the tower would not be able to be secured to hold an antennae therefore, the location cannot be utilized.

Farm Island Engineering Fees

Matt Young stated the outstanding invoice related to the third party engineer's review for the Farm Island subdivision was forwarded to Cody Owen.

V. **Public Comment**
No public present.

It was moved by Gary Qua and seconded by Carol Bush to adjourn the April 15, 2021 Tuftonboro Planning Board meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Hendrickson
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