

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
PLANNING BOARD
May 12, 2016
MINUTES**

Members Present: Chris Sawyer, Chairman, Bill Marcussen, Selectmen's Representative, John Cameron, John Lapolla, Tony Triolo, Fenton Varney, Members.

Members Absent: Jack Parsons, Vice-Chairman, Matt Young, Member.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Sawyer opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
May 5, 2016**

It was moved by Tony Triolo and seconded by Fenton Varney to approve the May 5, 2016 minutes as submitted. Chris Sawyer, Bill Marcussen, Tony Triolo, Fenton Varney voted in favor. John Cameron, John Lapolla abstained. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

a. Merrimack Valley Development Corporation/Shaw View Subdivision

Chris Sawyer informed the Board that a letter was received from Leonard Thomas, Merrimack Valley Development Corporation, dated 5/3/16, see letter. She noted the approved plan for Shaw View Subdivision calls for a 3-inch binder however, Mr. Thomas is requesting a 2-inch normal road binder with a 1-inch finish coat. She stated Mr. Thomas has requested to change the slopes from screened loam to a 3" screened loam and hydro seed with a glue base to help with erosion of the slopes on the side of the road. In addition, she noted the approved plan calls for beekeeper drain covers however; Mr. Thomas has requested such be changed to a regular drain grate. She stated she reviewed the letter with Scott Lawler, Norway Plains Associates; noting Mr. Lawler has no objections to the requested changes. She noted the request relative to the change in pavement reflects the Town's current standards. She also noted the road is a private road and an As-built plan would be required following the completion of the improvements.

John Lapolla confirmed inspections of the improvements would be overseen by Norway Plains Associates.

It was moved by John Lapolla and seconded by Fenton Varney to accept the requested changes noted above to the approved Shaw View Subdivision plans for Merrimack Valley Development Corporation and require an As-built Plan following the completion of the road improvements. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

b. Master Plan Scenic & Historic Resources

The Board reviewed Chapter 3 of the Master Plan. Referencing the Cultural section of the chapter, the Board agreed to contact the Historic Society for an inventory of historic buildings. Referencing the Resource Protection section of the chapter, the Board stated such is being addressed through the efforts of the Conservation Commission. The Board agreed to seek further clarification from LRPC regarding updating the section. Referencing the Scenic section of the chapter, the Board agreed to include more specificity regarding scenic roads, include survey results and include when

the warrant article for scenic roads was passed. Chris Sawyer volunteered to revise the language relative to scenic roads.

c. Master Plan Surveys

Chris Sawyer distributed 50 surveys per member to tally outside of the scheduled meetings.

III. Informational Items

None.

IV. Other Business

Upcoming Planning Board Meetings

May 19th ~ 6:30 pm

June 2nd meeting has been rescheduled to June 1st

Peter Cooperdock Letter, dated April 23, 2016

Chris Sawyer reviewed such, see attached.

It was moved by John Lapolla and seconded by John Cameron to adjourn the May 12, 2016 Tuftonboro Planning Board meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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**Peter Cooperdock, CSS
Fernstone Associates
360 Castine Road
Castine, ME 04421**

April 23, 2016

Christine Sawyer, Chair
Tuftonboro Planning Board
P.O. Box 98
Tuftonboro, NH 03816

RE: Complaint placed by James Rines, White Mountain Survey and Engineering, Inc.

Dear Christine Sawyer,

As stated in his letter of March 3, 2016, Mr. Rines has filed a complaint with various state licensure boards. While the NH Board of Professional Engineering determined it had no jurisdiction in the matter, the Board of Natural Scientists requested a response, which I have enclosed. This is the first knowledge I have every received concerning Mr. Rines's opinions of my services, even though I have been in business for almost 24 years.

I want to assure you that all accusations made are false. I have never stated or implied that I am a surveyor or engineer. I have always been careful to distinguish my services from those professions. Naturally, there is overlap between my services and those provided by surveyors and engineers. It is similar to the difference between a house designed by a carpenter and one designed by an architect.

Since these accusations have been made in a public forum, there is the potential that my reputation has been falsely undermined. I have been challenged without knowledge or opportunity to respond. This is an inappropriate act by a professional. I hope that the planning board will appreciate the underhanded nature of these statements made against me. Please be assured that I understand the limitations of my certification and do not exceed them in any way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Peter Cooperdock

**Certified Soil Scientist 603-323-7507 Certified Wetland Scientist
Site Evaluation Septic System Design
Natural Resource Inventory**

May 3, 2016

Lee Ann Keathley, Town of Tuftonboro, Planning Board

PO Box 9

240 Middle Road

Tuftonboro, NH 03816

Dear Lee Ann:

There are a few issues that we need to discuss about the Shaw View Subdivision concerning the road.

The plan calls for a 3 inch binder and the normal road binder is 2 inch with a 1 inch finish coat.

We would like to change the slopes from screened loam to a 3 inch screened loam and hydro seed with a glue base to help with erosion of the slopes on the side of the road. Going with such a fine screen loam and hand seeding we feel there would be a major washout with the first heavy rain.

The drawing calls out for beekeeper drain covers, if a plow truck slides off or even veers over the possibility of tearing those drain covers off will cause the catch basin to become a safety hazard.

These are the (3) big issues that Ed and Rob Ambrose and myself have found on this road build that we feel that we should discuss with the Planning Board to insure a safer road in the Town of Tuftonboro.

Please let me know through email bthomas@mvalleycorp.com or regular mail if we can be scheduled to be put on the next agenda.

Thank you for your help.



Leonard. J Thomas, Jr.