

**TOWN OF EATON
PLANNING BOARD
May 12, 2021**

The Planning Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 via Zoom in accordance with Executive Order #2021-08. Present were Chairman Dennis Sullivan, Heather McKendry, Stanley Dudrick, Peter Klose, Alternate Thaire Bryant and Selectmen's Representative Joyce Blue. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Also present was John Hedden, who is slated to be appointed to the Board. Chairman Sullivan appointed Alternate Thaire Bryant to act as a regular member for this meeting.

As Chair of the Planning Board, Dennis Sullivan found that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order #2021-08, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. In accordance with the Order, Chairman Sullivan confirmed public access to the meeting via Zoom for this meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting by clicking on the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9569071146>.

Notice was given to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting. Instructions have also been provided on the Town website at eatonnh.org. If anyone has a problem accessing the scheduled Planning Board meeting, please call 603-447-3877. In the event that the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Dennis Sullivan started the meeting by taking roll call attendance. Dennis Sullivan noted that all votes taken during this meeting will be done by roll call vote.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of April 14, 2021. ***Heather McKendry made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to accept the Minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote.***

Selectmen's Report

Joyce Blue gave an update on the Building Permits issued by the Selectmen and noted that two permits have been denied and directed to the Zoning Board for Non-Conforming structure expansion.

Conservation Commission Report

Heather McKendry gave an update on the Commission and noted that the main focus is on Foss Mountain. Heather McKendry noted that the US Forest completed a successful burn of Foss Mountain.

Chairman Sullivan noted that he is still working on aligning the tax maps to aerial photos for the Natural Resource Inventory.

Public Hearing – Scenic Road Tree Removal
Town of Eaton

At 6:15 pm, Chairman Sullivan opened the Public Hearing on an application from the Town of Eaton to remove trees along Potter Road, a designated Scenic Road, on the property of Richard Mayo (R02-007 and R03-021) for reconstruction of the bridge.

All notices had been posted and abutters notified. No correspondence was received. ***Peter Klose made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to accept the application for consideration. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote.***

Joyce Blue explained that the proposal is to remove approximately 15 trees along Potter Road to facilitate placement of the new bridge with a crane and noted that all the trees are within the right-of-way. The Board reviewed the list of trees to be removed.

Richard Mayo expressed his concerns and stated that he does not want the parking area expanded and that the property must be returned to its current state. Joyce Blue noted that the Selectmen agree that the area must be restored as much as possible and that the area has been reviewed with the engineer and construction crew. Stan Dudrick questioned whether there is any requirement for clean up after the trees have been cut. Joyce Blue stated that the Town will be involved in removing the wood and cleaning up the area. Richard Mayo stated that he will be in the area in a few weeks and will view the trees and discuss the parking area with the Selectmen.

Chairman Sullivan noted that the application could be approved with the condition that the area will be cleaned and that no stumps will be visible. Joyce Blue noted that the project is slated to begin in mid-June. The Board discussed the no-tree-cut dates of June 1 through July 31 imposed by the State due to the presence of bats. Heather McKendry suggested taking pictures of the site to send to Mr. Mayo before trees are cut. Chairman Sullivan noted that the Selectmen must clean and restore the site to current conditions as much as possible.

Heather McKendry made a motion, seconded by Joyce Blue, to approve the application as presented. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Public Hearing – Steep Slope Development (Continued)
Matthew & Tucker Watson

Chairman Sullivan re-opened the Public Hearing on an application from Matthew and Tucker Watson for Steep Slope Development of a property located on Woodland Acres Road (R05-018). Chairman Sullivan stated that Matthew Watson has requested that the application be continued until the August meeting. ***Peter Klose made a motion,***

seconded by Joyce Blue to recess this Public Hearing until 6 pm on August 11, 2021. Motion unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Saco Headwaters Alliance

Rich Brereton and Mark Dindorf of the Saco Headwaters Alliance (SHA) joined the Board to give the results of the completed assessment checklist. Rich Brereton summarized the findings and put forth recommendations that address the clean water needs. Rich Brereton suggested that the Town adopt a Groundwater Protection Ordinance, which would allow the Town to enforce the provisions of State law. Mark Dindorf noted that once the Ordinance is adopted, the Town can inspect and enforce State provisions and that the Town could also require businesses use Best Management Practices if there is potential site contamination. Rich Brereton also suggested surface water monitoring, water shed based plan development and stream crossing assessment.

John Hedden questioned the importance of this checklist. Rich Brereton explained that this checklist is designed to review potential issues and deficiencies so that the Town can apply for grants to address the issues. It was noted that Rich Brereton will forward the checklist and recommendations to the Board for further review and discussion.

The Board will review a model Groundwater Ordinance at their next meeting. Peter Klose stated that the salt being applied to roads must be addressed as a potential contamination source.

Master Plan

Joyce Blue noted that she would like to expand the history of the Little White Church which is contained in Chapter 2. Chairman Sullivan noted that he is putting together photographs to include in the ridgeline section of the Chapter.

Peter Klose made a motion, seconded by Thaire Bryant, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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