

Kingston Planning Board
26 Evergreen Street
Kingston, Massachusetts 02364

Planning Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2011

Members Present – Tom Bouchard, Bob Gosselin, Mike Ruprecht, David Gavigan, Ron Gleason, Sue Boyer

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

Tom Bouchard congratulated Mike Ruprecht on becoming a first time Grandfather. Mike's daughter had a baby girl, Taylor. Congratulations Mike!

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 3, 2011

Motion: to approve Ron Gleason

Second: Mike Ruprecht

Dave Gavigan correctly made a word change (from Applicant to Abutter)

Vote: 5-0-0

New England Village Subdivision and Site Plan

Applicant requested an extension. They are still working through issues with Conservation

Motion: Mike Ruprecht to continue the hearing until June 13, 2011 at 7:12 p.m.

Second: Ron Gleason

Vote: 5-0-0

7:12 p.m. – O'Donnell Commuter Parking Lot

Ms. Kirkland has requested an extension as she has just recently taken ownership and control of the parking lot. She wishes to move the driveway up to the other entrance... Also, change the style of fencing and size of fencing to accommodate plows, etc. Tom Bott stated that the board could ask for an amended plan and it would be considered a minor modification. Mike motioned to extend the applicant's request until the next meeting. Ron Gleason second. Bob Gosselin questioned how long will this work take and how long have they already had to fix the parking lot. Tom Bott brought up the idea of an injunction to cease operation if work not completed by June 30th. The board members took back their motions. In place the board made a motion to ok the modification of the style and size of the fence and to move entrance half way to where it is now. The board would like to see a modified plan also and the locations of the fence.

Motion: Mike Ruprecht to allow the modification of the style and size of the fence and to move entrance half way to where it is now. The board would like to see a modified plan also and the locations of the fence.

Second: Ron Gleason

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Bob Gosselin to grant extension until June 30, 2011 but begin proceedings for the injunction in case applicant does not have the work done by the June 30th deadline.

Second: Ron Gleason

Vote: 5-0-0

7:25 p.m. – Scenic Road 42 Elm St. Tree Cutting Hearing for Elm Street Bridge

The Elm St. Tree hearing is taking place at the Planning Board instead of the Highway Dept. as a result of the 19 trees being taken down are located on a scenic road. Paul Basler, was however in attendance.

Abutters in attendance who spoke were: Joe Dennehy 42 Elm St.; Louis Blackman 39 Elm St.,; Anne Chaffey 109 Wolf Pond Rd.); Fran and Walter Hoeg, 394 Elm St.; Verna and Craig Dalton, 11 Elm St.; Pine duBois and Peg Gallagher, 93 Elm St.; Carol Bolsey, 29 Wapping Rd.; Geralde Buckley, Cross St; Sara Alteer, Landing Rd;

John Walter, Design Consultant to MassDot lead the discussion. Mati from MassDot was also present. The hearing notice contained the names and sizes and location of the 19 trees to be taken down to accommodate the new bridge and surrounding area. Mr. Walter answered questions from the audience regarding other possible options to taking down the trees. Mr. Walters explained that it was necessary for a variety of reason and also noted that the power lines would be permanently moved to the west side of the bridge to ensure the construction workers safety. This prompted complaints from the audience as well as taking down the weeping willow. Mr. Walter explained there would be no plantings around the bridge. Paul Basler, Superintendent of Trees, Streets and Parks stated that the town will lose state funding to repair the bridge and that the town was on the State's time frame to get it done. The Town cannot afford to replace or repair the bridge and it will become a safety hazard if not repaired soon. He explained the scenic part of the area is a result of the pond, not the trees. Pine stated it's a result of the Jones River, not the pond and would like to have the dams removed so the herring fish could move about more freely. The board motioned to close the public hearing.

Motion: Bob Gosselin

Second: Dave Gavigan

Vote: 5-0-0

2 abutters wrote letters of non-support of the project, as per the laws that Mr. Bott stated. If there was anyone that objected, the vote would then go to the Board of Selectmen.

The Board voted on the tree removal.

Motion: Ron Gleason to remove the trees

Second: Dave Gavigan

Tom Bouchard and Mike Ruprecht voted against the tree removal

Vote: 3-2-0

The board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Motion: Dave Gavigan

Second: Ron Gleason

Vote: 5-0-0