

PLANNING BOARD
Monday, June 20, 2022
Public meeting convenes at 7:00 p.m.
Appointments scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.
In person at the Town Offices with a Zoom option for the public.

Present: James Corliss, Joe Parisi, Joe Brodbine, Maria Bissell, Steve Laskowski, Fran Shippee, Bob Maibusch, and Alternate James Hancock. Also present at the meeting was Recording Secretary Jennifer Keating.

Others Present: Bob Gooderre, Michelle Hilger,

Call to Order: James Corliss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Seat Alternates:

Review of the Minutes

June 6, 2022

Joe Brodbine moved to approve the minutes from June 6, 2022, as amended. The motion was seconded by Joe Parisi and passed unanimously via roll call.

Appointments

Public Hearings

Items for Discussion

Conditional Approval

Bob Gooderre/ Michelle Hilger /Mongoose Power Solutions – Application for a Change in Use for property located at 1757 Rte 9, (Map 10A, Lot A5.1) consisting of approximately 4.82 acres in the Commercial Zone.

Michelle Hilger presented the proposed plan with the changes that were requested in the conditional approval. It was noted that the following changes were made to the plan:

- The generator exhausted be ducted to the North.
- The Freestanding Signage for both companies will not exceed a Total of 32 Square Feet.
- Sheet Two of the plan be changed to read Proposed Plan (instead of the Existing Site Plan with Revisions).
- The verbiage “Final Pad Location to Be Determined” be removed from the plan.

The board confirmed that the conditions had been met.

Joe Parisi moved to conclude that the conditions had been met. Fran Shippee seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. Vote was held via roll call, passed unanimously.

The board signed the plans at the meeting.

Bob Gooderre thanked the board for their help with this project.

Wetlands Permit by Notification – 12 Silverdale

The Wetland Permit by Notification for 12 Silverdale was discussed. The Board has no comments on the plan.

Parisi asked if the wetlands permits are received by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, because many of these are pre-existing non-conforming properties. Corliss stated that he believes that the Planning Board receives it so that they can comment, but he is not sure that the ZBA has an authority. Shippee asked if this should only be if a variance was involved. Shippee asked if Parisi was suggesting that all of the Wetland Permits should be sent to the ZBA. Brodbine commented that it might be nice to ask the ZBA Chair if she would be interested in receiving them. The Secretary will ask the Chair if she would be interested in receiving the Permits by Notification.

SWRPC Transportation Improvement Project

Hancock sent several suggestions via email to discuss. He commented on the local roadways and how they keep this area disconnected from other areas of the state. Hancock also commented about several rotary projects in Keene that he believes will make the traffic and accident fatality rate worse. He said that thinks that the wealth of Cheshire County is directly impacted by the access to the main hubs (such as Boston and Concord), and he believes that this should be modified with more direct access highways.

Hancock said that he believes that there are also many changes that could be made to local roads, including Route 9 that could be used to make it safer. He said that he thinks we should have a carefully considered priority list so that we can improve the transportation within the county.

Brodbine said that he agrees with the problems that Hancock presented. Brodbine said that he thinks that the state should be made aware of the fact that the county is virtually isolated from larger cities (Manchester, Nashua, Greater Boston Area). Brodbine commented that there is no public transportation to these areas as well.

Corliss asked what the best action to present with the state would be. Brodbine believes that the towns need to be bypassed so that travelers are not driving through the downtowns of smaller towns. Hancock commented that he believes that bypassing Dublin is in the 10-year plan of the state.

Corliss asked Hancock what he thinks the solution is. Hancock said he would like to see the access to Rte 9 in Chesterfield limited. He said he also thinks more passing lanes should be added to Rte. 9 North (after Keene).

Corliss stated that the Board could look at Hancock's list of suggestions and potentially discuss sending it off to the state that the Planning Board is in favor of. Hancock suggested that perhaps it could be discussed at the next meeting after the members of the board has had a chance to review his ideas.

Bissell asked Hancock what evidence he had that the transportation was harming Cheshire County. Bissell asked if Hancock could send the data that he has that Cheshire County is "distressed" from the Federal Government. Hancock said that he will send the data to the Secretary to distribute.

Parisi would like to see the data because he believes that Sullivan County is considered distressed. Hancock said that upon further investigation, Cheshire County was now deemed "transitional."

Laskowski commented that the Planning Board ideas will need to be sent to the Selectboard.

Shippee commented that if it was easier to get to major cities, it would also be easier to come to Cheshire County, so that the traffic and the change to the town would need to be considered as well.

Maibusch asked what the deadline would be and if the Planning Board would have time to discuss at the next meeting. Shippee said July 29. Maibusch stated that he is amazed by how difficult it is to get around the state.

Hancock concluded that his suggestion to the Selectboard was to provide feedback and encourage more projects.

Corliss asked if anyone would be interested in working on it as part of a subcommittee prior to the next meeting. Brodbine and Hancock would be interested in it. Bissell commented that she believes that Chesterfield needs some way for traffic not to be funneled through Rte. 9. Bissell said she would like to be involved too.

Corliss appointed a subcommittee of Joe Brodbine, James Hancock, and Maria Bissell to a subcommittee to provide feedback for the SWRPC Transportation Improvement Project. Corliss appointed Bissell Chair of the subcommittee.

Date of July Meetings

Shippee asked if there was anything pressing that the Planning Board needs to discuss. Corliss commented that the Board is currently only has the Granite State Auto Sales application, which Mark Lanoue requested to be continued on July 18, 2022. Corliss asked the board if there was a reason to have more than one meeting in July. The consensus was reached that there will be a single meeting on July 18, 2022.

Items for Information

Other Business

Items for Signature

The Board signed the approved plans for the Bob Gooderre/ Michelle Hilger /Mongoose Power Solutions.

Corliss made the motion to sign the Capital Improvement Plan after the meeting. Parisi seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

The Capital Improvement Plan will be signed electronically by Bissell, Shippee, and Corliss.

Adjournment

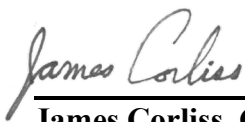
Parisi moved to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. The motion was seconded by Brodbine and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on July 18, 2022, at the Town Offices and virtually.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennifer Keating
Planning Board Secretary

Approved by:



James Corliss, Chair

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Date