

Town of Greenfield
Planning Board
Preliminary Meeting Minutes
Recorded by Michelle Hall
April 24, 2023

Members Attending: Rob Walling, George Rainier, Dave Thimmel, Tom Bascom, Catrina Mamczak, Bow Smith, Iris Waitt
Alternate Attending: Nick Zotto

6:30 pm DThimmel called the meeting to order and went over tonight's agenda.

NZotto read previous meeting minutes. Amendments are as follows.

Line # 30-31 change to 'to update the Master Plan for the town.'

Line # 35 change to 'Alvina Shegash from'

Line # 38 change 'Tim' to 'Todd'

Line # 39 change to 'they would want to work on first in the Master Plan.'

GRainier motioned to accept minutes as amended. Seconded by CMamczak. Motion passed -0-0.

6:40 pm Mail

- Received 14 of 17 returned certified mail slips for tonight's public hearing
- Received Home Business Application and \$25 cash from Geoffry Fowler of 1 Goodell Rd in Antrim for an Automotive Repair Shop at 101 Slip Rd in Greenfield. The planning board will reach out to the applicant and recommend they come before the planning board for a PCC at the May 8th meeting.
- Received 4/17/23 Upton & Hatfield, LLP invoices for legal services
- Received 4/17/23 Monadnock Ledger Transcript Invoice for advertising tonight's public hearing
- Received Driveway permit from Raymond Cilley on Muzzy Hill Rd

7:00 pm Public Hearing – DPW Tree Trimming/Cutting on East Road

DThimmel opened the public hearing and went over the rules for such hearing. **MHall** stated that this public hearing was properly noticed at the town hall, post office, town website and to the land owners.

DThimmel asked for **Jim Morris, DPW Director**, to go over the proposed tree trimming/cutting. **JMorris** explained that this is part of the town's annual gravel roads repair. He went on to explain that the intent is not to widen the road but instead to remove damaged trees and limbs, which have been marked with pink tape. The wood is that of the property owners who will have two weeks to claim/remove before the DPW picks up and brings to the Transfer Station. **JMorris** has not consulted with the town forester and the timeframe will likely be after July 2023.

DThimmel asked for those in favor to speak.

Conrad Dumos – expressed concerns with 16 out of 19 damaged trees being removed as the damage has been caused from plows during snow plowing. He does agree with these damaged trees being removed, however he would like to see that the town change their plowing techniques to eliminate damaging the trees. **JMorris** explained that the 10-wheeler is about 10' wide, there are spots of the road that are narrow and others which have increased over the years.

DThimmel asked for those opposed to speak, no hands were raised.

DThimmel asked for those neither for or opposed to this proposal to speak.

1 **Ellen Dumos** – explained that private property has been taken by the town over the years when they
2 widened the roads. She expressed that when trees are damaged and need to be taken down, the road
3 will be widened. **EDumos** expressed concerns with stumps not being removed and the integrity of the
4 stone walls.

5 **JMorris** explained that they don't remove the stumps as they are only removing damaged trees and not
6 for the purpose of widening the road. The state of NH does not want the DPW to remove the stumps
7 when cutting trees. He also explained that he didn't want to cut all of the trees.

8 **DThimmel** closed the public part of this hearing. The planning board is now in a deliberative state.

9 **DThimmel motioned to approve the tree cutting proposal. Seconded by GRainier. Motion passed 7-0-**
10 **0.**

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12 **7:25 pm PCC – Garage and Home Based Business – 28 East Rd**

13 **Steven Boutwell** was present to explain he would like to build a garage and open a home based
14 automotive business at his home at 28 East Rd. The planning board went over the regulations for the
15 district where the proposed business would be. He currently has a shop in Peterborough and would
16 anticipate having 5-10 vehicles on a daily basis. **SBoutwell** explained that he would like to position the
17 business behind the home to be less of an eye sore. The planning board determined that the property is
18 not in the ground water protection district. The planning board recommended that **SBoutwell** go to the
19 ZBA for a variance because his proposed business in the residential district.

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21 **7:45 pm Discussion on Prior Survey and Input for New Survey**

22 This will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

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24 **8:40 pm DThimmel motioned to adjourn. Seconded by RWalling. Motion passed 7-0-0.**