

ALSTEAD PLANNING BOARD MEETING
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MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2018

Note: These minutes are furnished for public inspection in accordance with RSA 91-A:2 and are unapproved until offered for disposition by the Board at a regular meeting. **ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED 2/11/19.**

PB Members present: Peter Rhoades/Chairman, David Konesko, Joyce Curll, Tim Noonan and Chris Rietmann. Joe Levesque/Alternate Member was also present. Prescott Trafton, Alstead Road Agent, was also present.

P. Rhoades/Chairman opened the Meeting at 7:00PM.

The 10/8/18 Minutes were reviewed. A Motion (Rietmann/Konesko) was made to accept them as corrected. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding the Driveway Application Form that Member Rietmann had designed was discussed.

Trafton mentioned RSA 541-a:21 (from 3/10/2000), which has to do with driveway access onto a public Right-of-Way. Rietmann also mentioned RSA 236:13 (from 8/15/14) regarding sight lines needing to be 400' in both directions for State Highways. Rhoades stated that 200' of sight line distance is required for Driveway Location Permits (as noted in the Town's Subdivision Regulations). Rhoades also stated that the Planning Board, which is delegated to set the setting of standards for Driveways, has delegated the issuance of Driveway Permits to the Road Agent. *Noonan suggested adding in the wording "ideally" 200-feet.

Rietmann expressed a concern about if a temporary driveway (example – for a wood lot), or if a second driveway is desired, but does not meet the requirement of 200' of sight distance, that the Board needs something that backs up our 200' requirement. Rhoades stated that any lot in existence today has the right to have a driveway 'in the best possible location'.

Discussion regarding requiring a 20' minimum span for driveway width took place.

Rhoades stated that the landowner should have a plan for building a driveway, then review that plan with the Road Agent, where the Road Agent can then make suggestions. It was determined that it is up to the Landowner to fill out the Driveway Permit form; and that in most cases the Applicant will have a contractor that will do the work/provide the plan.

Trafton stated *he would like a final sign-off on a Driveway Permit once it is built.

Trafton was given information regarding the Walpole Valley Road Major Subdivision and the Brower Subdivision on Rhoades Road, regarding driveway restrictions on specific lots. *Marsden to send him an updated letter, as well, regarding these two situations.

Further work was done on the Driveway Location Permit; *this requirement needs to be added to the Subdivision Regulations.

*Marsden to send both Driveway and Driveway Location Permit forms to all Members, along with the updated Member address list.

Konesko asked if the Board thought a bond should be required with a difficult driveway/one with restrictions. Discussion about leaving that issue between the Select Board and the Road Agent took place.

A Motion (Rietmann/Curll) was made to adjourn at 9:05pm. Motion passed.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Marsden/Administrative Assistant

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 11/12/18 AT 7:00PM AT THE ALSTEAD TOWN OFFICES.