

Approved: March 26, 2018

TOWN OF LANCASTER
PLANNING BOARD
Lancaster Community Center
Monday, February 26, 2018

Present: Acting Chair; Jeanne Rich, Tom Christopher, Frank Sullivan and Russ Williston
Absent: Phil Lawler

Also Present: Noreen Piazza, Planning Director

List of Documents:

- Planning Board Agenda
- Public Hearing Notice – Tree Removal and Pruning
- Letter dated February 21, 2018 from Kevin Bartlett concerning National Grid Hazard Tree Removal
- Hazard Tree Removal List prepared by National Grid
- Zoning Bylaw Amendments-Lighting, Solar Energy Systems and Recreational Marijuana Bylaw.
- Draft Minutes: February 12, 2018
- Letter to Planning Board dated January 31, 2018 from Households on Public Road

Acting Chair Jeanne Rich called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Public Hearing, Town Tree Removal, Town-wide Locations, Representative, National Grid

Present: Larrie Knoll, D.P.W and Ben Kouval Representative for Nation Grid.

At 7:01 PM Acting Chairwoman Jeanne Rich read aloud a Notice of Public Hearing thereby convening a public hearing regarding an application from National Grid to remove or prune public shade trees. National Grid's arborists have identified sixty-five (65) town trees for removal along town roads, and ten (10) town trees for pruning. The roads with town trees affected by the program are Mill Street Ext, Bolton Station Road, Public Road, Rigby Road, South Meadow Road, Deershorn Road, Sterling Road, Parker Road, South Main Street and Main Street.

Acting Chair Jeanne Rich read a support letter from Kevin Bartlett the Superintendent/Tree Warden, Lancaster D.P.W. into the record. Larrie Knoll said they are in favor of it. It will save tax payers money and it will eliminate a safety issue.

Russ Williston asked if stumps would be removed, to which Ben Kouval said no. Tom Christopher questioned why certain trees were on the list. Peter MacNeil, 129 Mill Street Ext., commented on tree #15 which is on Mill Street Ext. He said it is dropping large limbs and the tree is severely leaning. Therese MacNeil of 129 Mill Street Ext. said the roots are also exposed. It's a danger and they are compromised. Ben Kouval said this process will be done in about a month.

At 7:19 pm a motion was made by Russ Williston to close the hearing. Frank Sullivan seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

At 7:20 pm a motion was made by Frank Sullivan to approve the removal of all the trees listed along with the trimming. Russ Williston seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Discussion, Zoning Bylaw Amendments

2018 Proposed Zoning Amendments

The Board discussed a draft to the following Zoning Bylaw Amendments that the Board is looking to have articles for the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Site Plan Amendment – Lighting (220-36.2 (E) (4)

- Noreen Piazza said the lighting bylaw changes are the same as the last meeting. If there are no more comments this can be moved to the Public Hearing.
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Solar Bylaw – Article 17, Zoning Bylaws

- Noreen Piazza said the solar bylaw changes are the same as the last meeting. If there are no more comments this can be moved to the Public Hearing.

Recreational Marijuana Bylaw

- Noreen Piazza informed the Board that Town Counsel has made minor changes. She said she will make the changes for the Public Hearing.

Stormwater Regulation

- Noreen Piazza commented Mr. Scott Miller of Haley and Ward who is working on changes to the stormwater regulation will present a first draft at the March 26, 2018 meeting.

General Business

Minutes

The Board reviewed the following information: (1) Planning Board minutes from the February 12, 2018 meeting.

Tom Christopher made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the February 12, 2018 meeting of the Planning Board. Russ Williston seconded the motion. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Frank Sullivan, abstaining).

Correspondence

Noreen Piazza supplied the Board with a letter requesting that Public Road becomes a dead end road. She said she forwarded this to the Selectmen. The Selectmen are to get comments from the Department of Public Works, Police and Fire. The residents don't want traffic to come in by Public Road; they want it to come in on the Clinton side. No action was requested by the Board.

Adjourn

Acting Chair Jeanne Rich called the meeting adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Dennis
Office Manager