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Effingham Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2020
(via video conference call)

Members Present: Theresa Swanick (chair), George Bull (vice-chair), Grace Fuller, Paul Potter.

Members Absent: Gary Jewell (recording secretary), Elaine Chick, Mark Hempton (alternate), Mike Cahalane (selectman's rep).

Others Present: Nate Fogg, David Strauss, Anne Foley, Paul King, and Maureen Wuelfing-Hisman.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Quorum present.

A strong storm hit the Effingham area earlier in the week and some members were without power or an internet connection to connect to the meeting.

General Zoom practices for attendees were reviewed, such as instruction to stay "muted" when not speaking. Host will manually unmute to inquire for input of attendees who are not on video feed but dialed in.

Paul Potter lost his connection but called back in so the meeting could continue.

Public hearing for the Whitten-Fadden subdivision was opened.

Paul King described the application. The application is for a three-lot subdivision including a 12.33-acre lot, a 13.45-acre lot and the remainder parcel of 139 acres. The driveways to access two new lots comes off Jack Russell Road and crosses a seasonal stream. A wetland permit has been obtained from NH Department of Environmental Services. The remainder parcel has frontage on Green Mountain Road.

Grace Fuller asked where the drainage under the driveway go and is there any change in the drainage pattern.

Anne Foley noted that all the runoff from that side of the property comes onto her property. She is very concerned that any increase in runoff will negatively affect her property. She also noted that she does not feel that the stream is seasonal because it runs year-round except in very dry conditions.

Paul King noted that the culvert would not change the flow or location of the runoff from the property. The runoff will continue exactly as it does today.

Anne Foley was concerned about what recourse would be available to her should the runoff cause a problem.

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Theresa Swanick noted that the PB will seek an expert opinion to verify runoff.

Dave Strauss was concerned because he has to clean his culvert yearly. If this culvert is not maintained it would become a dam and cause problems for Jack Russell Road, not to mention the downstream abutters.

The property owner created the need for access onto Jack Russell Road through a previous subdivision. There used to be access through Green Mountain Road.

Section 1605 and 1607 may not allow crossing the wetland for access to the parcels.

Anne Foley asked why change the access to Jack Russell Road.

Paul King noted that section 1605 of the zoning ordinance does not apply in this case, and 1607-D allows for disturbing wetlands to allow construction of other access ways to a property. Green Mountain Road could possibly be used as an access point; however, it would require disturbing a larger runoff that also heads towards the Foley property. It does not make sense to have driveways going to Green Mountain Road. The access would be lengthy and would still cross at least one stream.

Grace Fuller wondered if the proposed driveway would impound any water.

Paul King noted that there is no intent to impound water on the property.

Grace Fuller wondered what the base of the driveway would be.

Paul King noted the driveway would be 6 inch minus material. The culvert headwalls will be mortared stone.

George Bull agreed that 1607 applies, not 1605.

Dave Strauss would like the access to come through the previously subdivided property.

Theresa Swanick would like to consult with experts on the applications and have them look at the wetland and drainage analysis.

Grace Fuller agrees that the PB should consult with experts.

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Paul King noted that he thought that the professional review was already moving forward. He has no objection to moving forward with a review.

George Bull made a motion to get a third-party professional opinion to review the subdivision and special use applications. Outside experts to be decided separately. The motion was seconded by Grace Fuller. A roll call vote was George Bull- aye, Grace Fuller- aye, Paul Potter- aye, and Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed.

Anne Foley asked if the consultant would propose alternatives.

Theresa Swanick continued the public hearing to August 20th at 6:00pm

Minutes

The PB tabled the minutes from May 21st until more members are present.

The minutes from July 2nd, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made by Grace Fuller to approve the July 2nd meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Potter. A roll call vote was George Bull- aye, Grace Fuller- aye, Paul Potter- aye, and Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed.

The minutes from July 23rd, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made by Grace Fuller to approve the July 23rd meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Potter. A roll call vote was George Bull- abstained, Grace Fuller- aye, Paul Potter- aye, and Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed.

Theresa Swanick noted that the PB would be staying with Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future.

The PB plans to review 1605 & 1607 from the zoning ordinance to make sure it is clear which section applies to a specific situation.

ADU Application

The PB has not seen the septic approval and wanted to make sure that the new septic system is approved for the full bedroom count. Once reviewed, the PB can take action on the application.

Other Business

Paul Potter noted that the gravel pit in Ossipee was just sold.

Theresa will review the Zoom meeting procedure prior to the next meeting on August 13th.

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George Bull noted that he will not be available for the August 13th PB meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Grace Fuller to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by George Bull. A roll call vote was taken George Bull- aye, Grace Fuller- aye, Paul Potter- aye, and Theresa Swanick- aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.