

Surry Planning Board  
Village Road  
Surry, New Hampshire

Minutes: January 24, 2024

Present: Eva Morel, Matt Goodwin, Laura Barrett

Jacob Bramel dropped off an application for a 3-lot subdivision for property of The Tree Agents located on Joslin Road. A hearing will be scheduled for the February meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted. (Matt, Laura)

Bruce Smith and Laura Barrett had visited Southwest Regional Planning regarding the cost and process of updating the master plan. The estimate for updating the two most important chapters of the plan, land use and vision, would be approximately \$10,000. This update could be accomplished by a small group, probably meeting monthly, for about a year. Bruce has drawn up a warrant article to present this expenditure at Town Meeting.

Matt asked questions about the driveway ordinance as it might apply to his lot as he contemplates a barn at the rear of his property.

Public Hearing:

7:39 p.m.

Eva opened the Public Hearing to consider 2 amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and one amendment to the Driveway Regulation by reading the notice. There was no comment. The hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m. (Laura, Matt)

Laura made the motion to place on the ballot, an amendment to Article III, General Provisions, Subsection C by adding the following: Upon request, the selectmen may extend the use of a properly installed recreational vehicle as a temporary dwelling up to 24 months, when the primary dwelling has been made uninhabitable and is being repaired or reconstructed; and to place on the ballot an amendment to Article X, Board of Adjustment, Subsection E, Variance, by adding the following: 6. The applicant shall pay all relevant costs in connection with any public hearing. Seconded by Matt. All voted in favor.

Laura made the motion to amend the Driveway Regulations, Article VIII, Administration and Enforcement, D, Penalties by adding the following: Reference is also made to RSA 236:13, Driveways and other Accesses to the Public Way. Matt seconded. All voted in favor. This amendment does not have to be voted on at Town Meeting.

We returned to the discussion of updating the Master Plan and Laura made a motion to support the exploration of updating the Master Plan and seeing if there is interest in Town in doing so, by presentation of a warrant article at Town Meeting. Seconded by Matt. All voted in favor.

We briefly looked at the proposed subdivision submission and noted that the NHDES subdivision approval appears to be pending and should be brought to the next meeting/hearing and that possible jurisdictional wetlands along one lot should be discussed at the hearing. The regulations for setbacks from jurisdictional wetlands in Surry are 100 feet, the State requires 75 feet.

Meeting Adjourned 8:42 p.m.

Laura Barrett  
Secretary