

Surry Planning Board
1 Village Road
Surry, NH

Minutes: March 27, 2024

Present: Eva Morel, Matt Goodwin. Laura Barrett

7:00 pm

Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting were accepted. (Laura, Matt)

Mail: Received a copy of the State of NH Ten-Year Plan for Highways. Two projects in Surry appear on the list: the Thompson Brook bridge on River Road and the bridge over the rail trail on Route 12, the summit.

The Master Plan project received support at Town Meeting and several people signed up to help. Todd Horner from Southwest Regional Planning will come to the April meeting with information and help us get started. Laura will put a notice on the Surry News and Notes Facebook Page.

Josh Brooks, Fire Chief, sent the Planning Board some information on cisterns for fire protection where there is not good water access.

There was discussion about the state of drainage easements in the Cider Mill Subdivision. Bruce Smith and Laura have done some research on that subdivision and found that the roads have not been deeded to the town, as is the practice in other communities. Laura will write a letter to the Selectmen about this issue.

Katie Anderson appeared with an incomplete application for subdivision of her 1.5-acre lot into two substandard lots in the rural residential zone, where 2-acre lot size is required. The property has not been surveyed yet. She acknowledged that the proposal does not meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance but is seeking a denial of subdivision as a basis to appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance. Upon her completed application for appeal to the Zoning Board and completion of her application for subdivision, the Zoning and Planning Boards will schedule a joint hearing to consider both matters. Laura made the motion to deny the subdivision request on the basis that the application was incomplete and that it did not comply with zoning regulations. Matt seconded. The board voted to deny. Laura will write the denial letter.

Bruce Smith requested that we look into the Road Standards and Subdivision regulations to be sure that the Selectmen may hire an engineer to make sure that new roads laid out by developers are in compliance with town regulations. We may need to amend those regulations to make that clear.

The Planning Board appointed Bruce Smith as an alternate member.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Laura Barrett, Secretary

