

**TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
Weds., March 1, 2017
Groveton PD/Ambulance Bldg. - Meeting Room
10 Station Square
Groveton, NH
7:00 P.M.**

Board members present: Al Rossetto, Addy Hall, Gloria Brisson, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Jim Weagle

Others: Elaine Gray, Rebecca St. Cyr - Recorder

Gloria Brisson, Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

1. MINUTES of Feb. 1, 2017 Meeting

Motion to approve the February 1, 2017 minutes by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: A. Hall, 3 in favor, 1 abstained

2. Follow up on Ayer Driveway Permits – E. Gray

E. Gray reviewed a letter from the Planning Board, which was sent via mail to Philip Beaulieu, District Engineer – NH Dept. of Transportation regarding a driveway permit approved for the Ayer property, and she has not heard back. Elaine reviewed the wording in the deed; after talking with the cemetery trustee's they had decided not to open the other driveway. They wanted one way in and one way out. When Mr. Ayer came in it was marked as 2 new drives; one would be next to John Rich's and the other across from the Meeting House. The State is saying it is a right of way as stated in the deed, which is in a different location than the two that Ayer marked. J. Weagle said he could technically use it to get to his land. A. Hall further discussed.

The Board is questioning why he got permission for 3 driveways from the State. J. Weagle said, if he puts a driveway in and doesn't block access, he didn't think we could stop that. However, he can't understand why the State granted him the 3rd driveway.

G. Brisson feels the State is setting a precedent. J. Weagle said these are questions that we need to ask to clarify the issue.

The Dollar General originally wanted 2 driveways for in and out access; which wasn't approved.

J. Weagle commented that we need to do this the right way. A. Rossetto said there are 3 driveways on one lot; it seems this could be a prelude to a subdivision. If they cut across the Towns right of way, we might not be able to use it. Weagle said they can't do that; they must keep our access open. The access is a gully that's wet. A. Hall commented it doesn't make sense. Mr. Ayer has said that he's trying to get it set for the future.

A. Hall would like go down to the DOT office to discuss the matter; Harley Mason had a time to get a permit approved and eventually gave up.

The property is in a Trust in the name of Jacqueline Ayer, she is the only trustee.

3. Municipal Law Update Presentation – Date Set

Bernie Waugh – will be away in June and July; Christine Filmore has offered to fill in for him. June 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm. The Board agreed that would be ok.

4. Any Other Business to Come Before the Board

E. Gray will not be available for the next meeting. She will be vacationing in Texas. She said there might be an application for a minor sub-division on the Tom Dittman property.

She will have someone from the office bring the paperwork over to the meeting room for the April meeting.

NSA – J. Weagle said it's going well, they have workers here now; the people from the Londonderry plant they let go and then will hire back.

No further business was discussed.

Motion to adjourn by: A. Hall, 2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.