

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD

February 26, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Snyder, Chairman, Joshua Gordon, Vice-Chairman, Art Rose, Hillary Nelson, Tyson Miller, Lucy Nichols, Alternate

ABSENT: Kent Ruesswick, Cheryl Gordon (BOS Representative)

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Moultroup, Unitil

Review of January 22, 2019 and January 31, 2019 Minutes: Tyson Miller moved the Minutes, seconded by Joshua Gordon. Discussion: None. Vote to approve Minutes: Unanimous, 1/22/19 and January 31, 2019 Minutes approved.

Public Hearing for Chris Moultroup of Unitil for maintenance on scenic roads:

Chris Moultroup appeared for Unitil's Forestry Department. He is the person overseeing tree trimming in NH and is here tonight for approval of maintenance on Canterbury's scenic roads. Chris explained they are in Town doing regular maintenance that includes trimming a 15x10x10 area around the poles on scenic roads. They're also trimming ground to sky on other roads to keep those well maintained. Lucas Tree Service has the contract for the work and have a notification person who will contact property owners once Chris has approval for the scenic roads. Chris has only looked at trees on scenic roads at this point and provided a list of trees that are marked with a white ribbon.

Chris explained the problem that towns in New Hampshire are having with Emerald Ash Borer, which is an insect that originated in Asia. There was discussion about communication problems with other utilities in the past where the wrong trees were cut even after discussion with the property owner. Chris explained the bidding process, which is that he approves all the trees that would be cut and informs the tree company which trees they need to address. The tree company can't just go out and cut trees they feel need cutting. The Board asked that extra caution be taken to be sure the correct trees are addressed. Unitil prefers to leave the wood, but can take it if need be.

Hillary moved to approve the list of trees so long as every property owner is approached and approves of the maintenance. Joshua seconded. Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimous.

Other Business:

- Tyson discussed the procedure of updating the Zoning Ordinance word documents assuming the warrant articles pass. Lori will coordinate where the original document is and who will be updating, and will touch base with Tyson.
- Lucy gave an update on short term rentals. Two bills are making their way through legislature. One is in Senate that would give towns ability to license short term rentals. Lucy said the issues go beyond short term rentals. It includes short and long term leases. Lucy discussed Air BNB's functioning like hotels and about professional hosts within the Air BNB environment.

The second bill is with the House Municipal and County Government Committee and would give towns the right to charge \$2 per night tax in order to cover administrative costs for regulation.

Tyson added that there are 2 different definitions for short term rentals in the RSA's that have to be addressed as well. There is 30 day and 6 month language. There was also discussion about sprinkler systems and the negative affect a requirement would have, and whether or not the State has the authority to make that requirement.

The issue of short term rentals will be added to a future agenda to discuss this in more detail.

- Jim informed the Board that the appeal in the NH Supreme Court relative to the speedway's music festival was not successful. The matter is over which means all of the post-agreement properties the track acquired are now at the mercy of the Loudon Planning Board. Tyson reminded the Board the track has a one-time permit that includes noise monitoring among other things.

Art moved to adjourn. Second by Joshua. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Lori Gabriella, Secretary
Canterbury Planning Board