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Highway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Police Community Conference Room
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

In attendance were Police Chief Joe Roark, Fire Chief Jim Midgley, Road Agent Frank Ferreira, Planning Director Jeff Gowan, Susan Snide, Assessing Assistant, Donna Reidy, John Reidy, Priscilla Pike-Church, Helen Diamantopoulos, Paul Diamantopoulos, Pat Panciocco, Suzanne Larson, Sara Landry, Peter Zohdi, Jeanne Warren, and Kerry Zelonis taking minutes.

ITEM 1. John & Donna Reidy of 5 Brookview Drive presented the Committee with multiple reason why they are requesting to keep their address as is, as opposed to the proposed re-numbering to 2 Hearthstone Drive. Chiefs Roark and Midgley explained the importance of first responders being able to clearly identify the house in an emergency. They also explained how many properties in town have been re-numbered due to the E911 requirements. Mr. Reidy asked if he made a clear sign and attached it to a large tree close to the road, could he keep his address? Chief Roark made a motion to allow the address to remain, Jeff Gowan seconded, Chief Roark amended his motion to include that the HSC must first review and approve Mr. Reidy's proposed signage. Mr. Gowan added that there be a time limit of 30 days for Mr. Reidy to comply.

The Committee voted 5-0-0 **In Favor of the motion**

ITEM 2. The resident(s) of 10 Webster Ave. did not show up, the matter of re-addressing was not discussed.

ITEM 3. Abutters to the Currier Road proposed development (Map 35 Lots 10-200, 10-312, 10-351) expressed concerns about traffic, road flooding/freezing and other personal opinion issues. Among the concerns of the Committee is the issue of a 3rd entrance/exit to the development. The proposed plan depicts improvements to Peabody Drive that will cross the Tennessee gas pipeline that exists within the property. A second access road is shown from Currier that would extend into the middle of the proposed interior road network. Chief Midgely explained that a 3rd access will be required for safety reasons, should there ever be a leak in the pipeline. The 3rd access road would need to provide an egress from the southernmost end of the project road and cul-de-sac so that any resident will have two means of egress. Mr. Zohdi said he had spoken to Tennessee Gas Company and they Ok'd the one crossing, he was not sure if they would agree to a second one. Chief Midgely said he would gladly write a letter in favor of the 3rd access road. The drainage concerns were discussed, and Mr. Zohdi assured the Committee that his proposal would alleviate many of the existing drainage issues in addition to any new drainage resulting from the development.

The HSC Committee did not vote but will revisit revised plans when Mr. Zohdi provides them.

ITEM 4. The main discussion on the proposed MAKO subdivision of Map 18 Lot 12-16 was the issue of the property being on the Salem town line with no access directly in and out of Pelham. Mr. Zohdi informed the Committee that he has met with the Salem Town Engineer, Ross Moldoff, and Salem has agreed to provide primary emergency response. Additionally, Salem has agreed to provide non-potable water to the proposed subdivision. Mr. Zohdi said the developer would agree to a fire cistern or sprinkler systems as an alternative in e new home. This plan requires both BOA variance approval and, if granted, subsequent subdivision review by the Planning board.

Mr. Gowan made a motion for recommendations from the HSC to both land use boards with stipulations being: 1. The new named roads within the proposed Pelham development should remain private roads with the property owners being responsible for all maintenance as described in HOA docs to be approved by Pelham Town Counsel, 2. The developer must provide a fire cistern in the size required by the Fire Department or provide fire suppression sprinklers in each unit as an alternative to the cistern, and 3. A letter from the Salem Fire Department confirming they will be the first responders for all fire/ambulance calls to this development rather than relying upon the standard mutual aid agreement. Mr. Ferreira seconded.

The Committee voted 4-0-0 **In Favor of the motion**

ITEM 5. Discussion of subdivision of the Williams Woods Subdivision, Map 39 Lot 1-49 having 3 new lots accessed from one common private road. Mr. Zohdi explained that only one new access to Mammoth Road is allowed by the State of NH DOT. Additionally, the developer is willing to donate land to the Town for the future planned roundabout at the intersection of Mammoth and Sherburne Roads. Mr. Zohdi explained that the private road will cross a wetland at its narrowest point and a box culvert will be installed. Mr. Gowan reminded the Committee that this proposed subdivision will need to be heard by the Conservation Commission as well as approval of a variance from the BOA before it goes to the Planning Board for subdivision review. Chief Midgley explained that: 1 the road must be a minimum of 18' wide and that a hammer head must be built at the end of the shared driveway adequate in size for an engine to turn-around, 2. a cistern must be provided, or houses be equipped with sprinkler system and 3. there be signage added along the road that clearly indicates which house is which with arrows indicating the house number for each lot. Chief Roark made a motion to approve with the above conditions, Mr. Ferreira seconded.

The Committee voted 4-0-0 **In Favor of the motion**

ITEM 6. The Committee reviewed photos that Sara Landry provided for the placement of her sign at the Hobbs Center Thrift Store located at the Senior Center Map 22 Lot 8-143 / 8 Nashua Road. There was a brief discussion regarding placement, height etc. and it was agreed by all that it will not impact sight distance to be positions as indicated on the drawing she provided. Mr. Gowan made a motion to approve, Mr. Ferreira seconded.

The Committee voted 4-0-0 **In Favor of the motion**

At approximately 12:05 PM, Chairman Roark took a motion from Chief Midgley to adjourn the HSC meeting, Planning Director Gowan seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0-0 to adjourn.