

NORTH BERWICK, MAINE, 03906

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Present: Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf, Patrick Raftery, Rick Reynolds and Lawrence Huntley, CEO.

Absent: Chairman R. Todd Hoffman Barry Chase, Mark Cahoon, and Julie Fernee.

Also Present: James R. Benedict, David Parker, Marianne J. Benedict and Don Waterson.

1. Call To Order:

Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf opened the Planning Board Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf moved Rick Reynolds to full voting status.

2. Current Business:

A. Leona and Wilfred Breton (Estate) ---Applicant proposes a Timber Harvest at 84 & 90 High Street (Map 2, Lot 21-1 & 21-1A) Resource Protection Zone

David Parker explained that Leona and Wilfred Breton at 84 High Street propose Timber Harvest along the Great Works River in the Resource Protection Zone.

The Breton Estate will conduct a forest stand improvement harvest in the resource protection areas on their woodlot adjacent to Great Works River. The property is identified as North Berwick property Map 2, Lot 21-1. The purpose of the harvest is to thin the stands of trees to maintain the health and vigor of the forest.

The harvest is scheduled for this late summer through the fall of 2012 and may be done as much as five years into the future to allow the harvesting to be done on dry or frozen soil conditions that will minimize soil disturbance by the harvesting operation. The actual operating time period to harvest within the shoreland zone area will be approximately two weeks.

The Code of the Town of North Berwick (Article 5.1.2 a-f) will be complied with as the standards for regulation of timber harvesting within the resource protection and shoreland zones.

The attached sketch outlines the areas of the resource protection and shoreland zoned areas that are within 250 feet of the Great Works River that are within the resource protection zone. The actual location of the outer edge of the shoreland zone will be determined by actual measurement of the two hundred and fifty feet on the site and marked with pink plastic flagging labeled with letters "RP"

Trees to be harvest will be marked by Parker Forestry Associates, LLC prior to harvesting. Harvesting will be done by commercial logging firm utilizing mechanical tree harvesting machinery and skidders. The wood yarding area will be located at the edge of the field on the property as shown on the map. Best management practices will be utilized as needed during and after the harvesting is completed to secure soil from erosion to the river.

Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf asked where their access would be on High Street.

David Parker answered through number 90 Sara Perkin's wood lot.

Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf asked will there be any river crossings.

David Parker answered that there will be no river crossings what so ever.

Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf open the Public Hearing.

Marianne Benedick asked for a copy of the State Regulation.

Lawrence Huntley, CEO answered that you can download a copy under Timber Harvesting, State of Maine.

Marianne Benedick asked Dave Parker if he will be marking trees and property lines before the timber harvest.

Dave Parker answered that he will be marking trees with blue paint and we also be marking where it is relevant such as; behind houses on High Street and the boundy line

Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf closed the Public Hearing.

Condition:

1. That the logger gives North Berwick CEO a two day notice (office days) prior to logging start up.

Rick Reynolds moved to give two business days (office hours) prior notice before logging start up on this Conditional Use Permit at 84 High Street Map 2, Lot 21-1, Patrick Raftery seconded a motion.

Vote, 3-0

2. A. Leona and Wilfred Breton (Estate) ---Applicant proposes a Timber Harvest at 84 & 90 High Street (Map 2, Lot 21-1 & 21-1A) Resource Protection Zone

David Parker explained that Sara Perkins at 90 High Street propose a forest harvest plan for the Resource Protection Zone – Perkins Woodlot – North Berwick Maine.

Sara Perkins will conduct a forest stand improvement harvest in the resource protection area on their woodlot adjacent to Great Works River. The property is identified as North Berwick property Map 2, Lot 21-1A. The purpose of the harvest is to thin the stand of trees to maintain and vigor the forest.

The harvest is scheduled for this late summer through the fall of 2012 and may be done as much as five years into the future to allow the harvesting to be done on dry or frozen soil conditions that will minimize soil disturbance by the harvesting operation. The actual operating time period to harvest within the shoreland zone area will be approximately two weeks.

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Rick Reynolds asked if there were any cemeteries on these properties.

Dave Parker answer that there is a cemetery on Map 2, Lot 21-1A in the fields on the High Street premise about 150 feet behind the house.

Rick Reynolds asked Dave Parker if he would be building roads.

Dave Parker answered no.

Another item a note in consideration is Sara Breton now Sara Perkins owns her five acre lot and the other parcel is on both sides of that and we are going to be skidding wood through her parcel from the Southern end of Map 2, Lot 21-1. I believe.

Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf opened the Public Hearing.

Marianne Benedict asked if there are time restraints.

Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf answered that through the State there are time restraints.

Dave Parker answered that there is a noise ordinance in Town that everyone has to follow and it is 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Acting Chairman Shaun DeWolf closed the Public Hearing

Condition:

1. That the logger gives North Berwick CEO a two day notice (office days) prior to logging start up.

Patrick Raftery moved to grant the Conditional Use Permit for 90 High Street with condition that the logger give CEO a two days notice (office hours) prior to logging start up, Rick Reynolds seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

B. Planning Board Workshop----Comprehensive Plan Review

Tabled

3. Preview Next Agenda

4. Other Business:

5. Review Previous Minutes:

Patrick Raftery moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2011 with revisions, Rick Reynolds seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

6. Adjournment:

Rick Reynolds moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., Patrick Raftery seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

Lawrence Huntley, CEO
Planning Coordinator

Respectively Submitted
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman

Barry Chase

Julie Fernee

Shaun DeWolf

Patrick Raftery

Mark Cahoon

Rick Reynolds

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman
Barry Chase
Julie Fernee
Shaun DeWolf
Patrick Raftery
Mark Cahoon
Rick Reynolds
CEO
Town Manager
Post Inside/Outside
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