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June 2, 2015

7:00pm

**Upstairs Meeting Room
Human Services Building,
270 Quaker Meetinghouse Road**

Present: Sarah Regan, Chair, Scott Torrey, Vice Chair, William Burbank, Robert King, Lori Caron, and Joseph Vaudo

Also Present: Blair Haney, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Joshua Peters, Asst. Town Planner, Sam Jensen, Asst. Town Engineer, and Justin O'Connor, Tree Warden

Approval of Minute

Mr. King moved that the minutes of May 19, 2015 be approved as written. Mr. Vaudo seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submission of New Plans

No new plans were submitted.

Scenic Road Permit

Shawme Road, Grove Street, 67 Grove Street

Heritage Plantation of Sandwich, Inc.

Ms. Regan read a synopsis of the new submissions for this application that have been received in Planning and Development since the meeting on May 19, 2015. Atty. Eliza Cox, Ellen Spear, Andrea Early, and Joseph Longo were present for Heritage. Atty. Cox reviewed the Scenic Road Act and passed out a new handout outlining the considerations for the removal of three trees under the Scenic Road Bylaw. Mr. Longo then showed four new slides to the Board. Ms. Regan asked the Board for comments. Mr. Vaudo asked about the recent plantings around the entrance; Ms. Spear responded that this was beautification of the front entrance for the season. Mr. King said that the biggest issue was maintaining the scenic and aesthetic beauty of the area.

Ms. Regan then opened the meeting up for public comment.

The following spoke against the plan:

- Atty. Peter Mello, Petrini & Associates, P.C.
- Erin Sullivan, 7 Jonathan Lane
- Carlo DiPersio, 11 Morgan Trail
- Donald and Judy Stainbrook, 2 Faunce Mountain Road
- Eric Small, 6 Jonathan Lane
- Anne Phelan, 51 Highview Drive

The following spoke in favor of the plan:

- Michael Pierce, 86 John Ewer Road
- Thomas Rockwell, 3 Meetinghouse Circle
- Teresa Villa, 1 Burg Avenue
- Marie Oliva, Cape Cod Regional Chamber of Commerce
- John Keegan, 88 Freeman Avenue
- Kevin Sareault, 85 Pinkham Road

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Atty. Cox and Atty. Mello both responded to comments. Atty. Cox asked to hear from Tree Warden Justin O'Conner. He spoke to the adequacy of the mitigation plan for replacing the three trees. Mr. Stainbrook read a letter stating his objection to the objecting to the issuance of a permit to cut or remove any trees at Heritage Museum and Gardens. This is in accordance with MGL, Chap. 87. Shade Trees, Section. The Board of Selectmen will have to approve any permit issued for this purpose.

Mr. Vaudo moved that the Scenic Road Hearing for 67 Grove Street be closed. Mr. Torrey seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Board Discussion

Adding Public Forum to Planning Board Meetings

After discussing the pros and cons of adding a Public Forum section to the agenda for each meeting, the Board agreed that it was not necessary because

- every public hearing allowed for public comment
- residents can bring anything Planning Board related before them under Board Discussion which is regularly on the agenda

Mr. Torrey would like to see the Board establish a deadline for submission of materials for Public Hearings because so many new items had come in to the Planning and Development office on Monday and Tuesday for the current hearing. He felt there was not enough time to read and digest the information properly. Mr. Haney told the Board that we had talked briefly about this problem and would meet internally to discuss it further; there will be a draft policy ready for discussion at the meeting on June 16th.

Mr. King would like to have more information provided on agenda items that are not Public Hearings.

Mr. Haney introduced the new Asst. Town Planner Joshua Peters to the Board.

Mr. Torrey motioned to adjourn. Mr. King seconded. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn K. Bassett