

TOWN OF WEBSTER
PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY JUNE 8, 2023

The Planning Board held a meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2023. The meeting was held on Map 7 Lot 60 on Dustin Road, Webster, NH 03303.

Planning Board Members present: Paul King, Marlo Herrick, Susan Youngs, Adam Mock, and Theresa Finnemore.

Also, present: Road Agent/Fire Chief Emmet Bean, Land Use Coordinator Russell Tatro, Julie & Richard Steele.

Acting Chairperson King opened the meeting at 5:03pm by informing the Board that he had arranged this site visit to go over the proposed changes to the Steele's driveway on Map 7 Lot 60. Mr. Steele asked if the Board wanted to drive to the top of the driveway and start the review there and the Board agreed.

Once the Board arrived at the top of the driveway Mr. Steele informed the Board that once he started construction, he noted that the area at the top would be perfect for a circle. So, he had created one following the natural contours of the land. Road Agent Bean recalled discussing the potential of doing this the last time the Board reviewed the driveway. The Board, after a brief discussion, agreed that this was a good change. Mr. Steele then asked for the Board to join him further down the driveway at bend. The Board then traveled to the next section of the driveway.

Once they arrived at the next section of the driveway Mr. Steele pointed out where he had cleared to make the driveway straight. He stated that once he had cleared the area, he had seen just how steep it was and he felt that it was not safe. He then contacted his contractors to get their opinions on the curve and they agreed with his assessment. Mr. Steele pointed out that if he started sliding during winter it would be a straight shot to the road and he felt he would not be able to slow down if he slid on the ice. He understood the Town's concern regarding getting emergency apparatus up the hill in inclement weather and would be installing a sprinkler system in the home. Ms. Steele added that they had to downsize from their original plans because of the cost of materials. The house would now be 1500sqft instead of 3000sqft and this would make getting an appropriate sprinkler system easier. The Board then moved to the next section of the driveway.

Mr. Steel informed the Board that on the lower part of the driveway he was suggesting that he straighten the section at the lower part of the driveway. This way once you come around the corner there would be a straighter shot to the end of the driveway. He also planned to keep the existing section of the driveway and this way if someone lost control they would have plenty of space to gain back control of the vehicle. Road Agent Bean asked for Member Mock's opinion of this section of the driveway. Member Mock looked off the section of the driveway and suggested Mr. Steele start straightening out the driveway at the large boulder at the end of the curve. Road Agent Bean agreed with Member Mock. They then discussed the correct amount of gravel and how best to even the surface with Mr. Steele.

Acting Chairperson King asked if the Board wanted to make a motion to approve the changes. Coordinator Tatro then reminded the Board that they also needed to extend the duration of the permit because it was approaching the end of the permit's 2-year duration. Acting Chairperson King asked if they also needed a motion to approve the new permit. Coordinator Tatro suggested having the Steele's submit an updated drawing of the driveway with the changes they suggested today. Then Road Agent Bean and Acting Chairperson King could sign off on the changes. The Board agreed with the suggestion.

MOTION: Member Youngs

To extend the duration of the Steele's Driveway permit for 2 years.

1 **SECOND:** Member Herrick
2 **MARLO HERRICK – YES**
3 **PAUL KING – YES**
4 **ADAM MOCK – YES**
5 **SUSAN YOUNGS – YES**
6 **THERESE FINNAMORE – YES**
7 **The motion passed 5 to 0**
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9 **MOTION:** Member Youngs
10 *To adjourn the meeting at 5:33pm*
11 **SECOND:** Acting Chairperson King
12 **MARLO HERRICK – YES**
13 **PAUL KING – YES**
14 **ADAM MOCK – YES**
15 **SUSAN YOUNGS – YES**
16 **THERESE FINNAMORE – YES**
17 **The motion passed 5 to 0**
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25 *Minutes taken by Russell Tatro*