

Webster Planning Board

Minutes – Special Meeting of September 8, 2008

Present: Chairman Cliff Broker, selectman member David Klumb, alternate selectman member Thomas Mullins; and members Jere Buckley (Secretary) and Richard Doucette. Also present: Planning and Zoning Secretary Mary Smith.

This was a special meeting called for the purpose of considering a proposed “Temporary Driveway Application for Logging Purposes”.

Chairman Broker convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance was taken, with the results noted above.

The members present discussed a proposed application document with the aforementioned title. This document had reportedly been generated in an effort to deal intelligently with two pending logging operations for which Intents to Cut had been filed.

Mr. Buckley wondered why this subject was being treated in a separate document rather than as an amendment to the existing *Driveway Regulations*. Mr. Mullins replied that it could be done either way but suggested that there are statutory reasons for the separate document.

There was a discussion about whether or not the Town should be involved in permitting logging driveways on State roads. It was noted that a new logging driveway on Battle Street does not comply with State requirements.

There was consensus that a “temporary” driveway suggests that original conditions should be restored at the conclusion of the temporary permit period, although this requirement is not completely clear in the proposed document. It was noted that, at least in some circumstances, retention of the improvements might be preferable to their removal. Board members felt that the temporary vs. permanent decision should be up to the landowner.

Mr. Buckley opined that the document under consideration was flawed in a variety of ways. The other Board members opted not to consider Mr. Buckley’s concerns at this time.

No vote was taken but, after considerable discussion, a majority of those present elected to institute the proposed “Temporary Driveway Application For Logging Purposes” on a trial basis.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting will be on 18 September at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jere D. Buckley, Secretary