

Present: William J. Keller, Jr. (Chairman, arrived 7:10 p.m.), Lisa Eggleston,
Christopher Morely, Michael Hunter, Michael Fee (arrived 7:25 p.m.)
Jody Kablack (Planner)
Absent: Eric Poch (Associate)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Scenic Road Bylaw Public Hearing – Haynes Road

Chris Morely read the hearing notice into record.

Scott Taylor, Sudbury Tree Warden: Some trees listed in the notice are not in the public right-of-way, they are on private property (2 live trees).

Jody Kablack: The two on private property need to be removed.

Scott Taylor: They are not all listed, but they are all posted.

Lisa Eggleston asked the Town Planner for an update on the Haynes Road walkway.

Jody Kablack: The Selectmen did not approve the request to accept the funds to put in a walkway. They took no action on the modification request proposed by the Willow Hill School. The school is near completion of the project.

Lisa Eggleston: What about the stone wall?

Jody Kablack: There will not be removal of the stone wall.

Lisa Eggleston: What is the situation of the trees being considered for replacement?

Jody Kablack: The live trees are the 8" Spruce, the 18" Oak and the 4" Maple. The school will be responsible for replacing them.

Lisa Eggleston: Is there room for replacing them on the sidewalk?

Scott Taylor: They are not street trees and normally would not need to be cut down. Replacement trees can go where wanted.

Lisa Eggleston: Who makes that determination?

Jody Kablack: It would be up to the school with Town input likely. The trees are needed on the eastern most side where they are all dying, as well as furthest from the driveway.

Lisa Eggleston: The scenic road aspect should be considered.

Jody Kablack: There is a stone wall on the side closer to Haynes School. There are no wetlands; the walkway will terminate at the 100' boundary. There will be a raised berm where the walkway is closest to the street. It will be tight in some places.

Carole Wolfe questioned if there was 5' on the edge of the road. She expressed concern with the underlying foundation of the stonewall as well as aesthetic concerns. This is a narrow, windy scenic road – vegetation would be nice to break up the pavement. She was pleased with the planting of trees shown on the plan. Believes the base of the wall to the street is less than 3', then at pole #33 it is 5'.

Jody Kablack: The poles will be moved if needed, they are not an obstacle. Also, there is 5' on the edge of the road. It will be tight, but there is sufficient room. There will just be a tower berm.

Chris Morely referenced the narrow pavement on Peakham Road where they took part of the street to do the wall.

Jody Kablack: A surveyor did come out during site plan review and concluded it was possible to remove dirt and level the area without risking the integrity of the wall.

Chris Morely opined whatever was done should be monitored by the Town.

Jody Kablack: It is in the right-of-way so it will be overseen by the Town.

Mike Hunter: Maples should be considered for the replacement trees by Marlboro Road and at the end Pin Oaks or Black Tupelos.

Lisa Eggleston: Is it one or two lots between the school and Puffer Lane? Do we have easements?

Jody Kablack: There are 2 lots. We do have easements. Willow Hill School has an obligation to construct the walkway all the way to the end of the street.

Carole Wolfe: What happens when there is snow?

Jody Kablack: It gets pushed until there is a place for it to go.

Michael DiLeo, 122 Haynes Road:

Still intends to sign the easement, attended tonight to get a status update.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To close the public hearing on the scenic road bylaw.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To approve the Tree Warden's application for removal of trees located on the east side of Haynes Road between utility pole #17 and Puffer Lane for the purpose of constructing a walkway as noted in the Public Hearing notice of April 13, 2004 with the following conditions:

1. Construction of the walkway be supervised by the Department of Public Works Director to ensure protection of the stone wall.
2. Integrity of the stone wall remains intact with caution for preservation of the foundation.
3. No fewer than three replacement trees suitable for the environment (such as Maple or Black Tupelo) be planted in the area between the easterly driveway and utility pole #17 by the Willow Hill School.

The Town Planner was instructed to draft one letter to address scenic road issues and one letter to address DPW issues.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.