

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 4 2020 – 6:00 PM – via Zoom

PRESENT: Alan Hanson, Chair; Neal Pilson, Selectman; Roger Manzolini, Selectman; Danielle Fillio, Town Administrator

GUESTS: Ron Veillette, Chair of the Con. Com.; Jennie Hensell, BNRC; Peter Miller; Jeff Morse; Jami Grossman; Nar Ain Schroeder, BNRC; Pat Callahan; Holly Stover; Dick Stover; Peter Beckwith, Richmond Highway Superintendent; Jeff Caligari; Linda Caligari;

Discussion of Auction of Town-Owned Parcel #101.0-0142-0000.0: There was a discussion of the best way to retain the property at 0 Shore Road as a conservation restricted area. There are two ways to achieve that end: 1. The Town retain ownership of the property and have the Conservation Commission maintain the conservation restriction. 2. The property can be donated by the Town to the Con. Com for conservation purposes, which would make the property restricted in perpetuity under Chapter 97. With the raising of the issue of whether any liability issues would remain with the Town if it retained ownership, it was decided to defer that decision until legal advice could be obtained.

Discussion of BNRC Parking on Perry's Peak Road: The issue is the increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Perry's Peak Road and the extensive parking of cars along that road for people wishing to access Hollow Fields Reserve, which has negatively impacted the quality of life for the residents of Perry's Peak Road.

At the previous meeting, the BNRC was asked to submit a permit application for the way the parking lot at Hollow Fields Reserve currently exists in order to clean up the paperwork that was neglected several years ago as a result of a change of personnel. They were also advised that they could request a permit for additional work to create a legal driveway. Any further changes to the existing parking lot would require an application for an additional permit. The BNRC submitted both applications to the Board at this meeting.

Public Discussion: There was considerable public discussion on the issues that included the size of the parking lot, the number of cars that would be allowed, whether any overflow parking on the site would be allowed (the stated purpose of which would be to alleviate the parking of cars along Perry's Peak Road), finding an alternative route to Hollow Fields Reserve and finding a way to control the crowds of people with signage, etc.

The Board discussed approving the permit application for the existing parking lot and the legal driveway at this meeting and then look at further changes that would both satisfy the residents issues with the parking on Perry's Peak Road and the BNRC's vision.

Discussion on increasing the size of the parking lot included the requirement for screening plantings on the border with the Caligari property, and creating specific, numbered parking spaces. The permit application that was submitted by the BNRC included a site plan that showed extension of the parking

lot to the East of the existing lot to within 25 feet of the Caligari property. It was decided that a compromise at this time would be to allow the increase of the parking lot but to limit it to within 50 feet of the abutting property and to disallow improving the area with gravel for a period ending December 31, 2020. During the winter months it is anticipated that traffic will diminish substantially, relieving the inconvenience of the residents at least to some extent. That time could be spent finding other ways to create a compromise that could satisfy both parties.

With the agreement of the parties involved, Neal moved to approve the extension of the existing parking lot to no less than 50 feet from the Caligari property and with no surface improvements to the area for a period ending December 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by AI and approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion of Balderdash Entertainments and Appropriate Permits: Danielle advised the Board that instead of moving forward with an Entertainment Policy as discussed at the last meeting she is suggesting the Board discuss sound remediation measures to incorporate into the current Farm Function Special Permit.

Danielle also noted that Balderdash had applied for an amendment to their existing Farm function Special Permit and it is being scheduled for review on December 2, 2020. At that time the Board will hear the amendment and incorporate sound remediation measures.

Town Administrator Report: Deferred

Approval of the Minutes of the October 28, 2020 Meeting: Neal moved that the Minutes of the October 28, 2020 be approved as amended. The motion was seconded by AI and passed by unanimous consent.

Selectmen's Matters: There were no issues to be discussed at this time.

Motion to Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Neal moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by AI. Roger wished to include a thank you to Danielle for making Halloween special for the families of Richmond. He suggested that her event be made a yearly Richmond tradition. The members of the Board were strongly in favor of that idea.

The motion and second on the floor were called to a vote, which unanimously adopted it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Signed:

Alan Hanson, Chair