

Planning Board Minutes
December 5, 2013

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, December 5, 2013, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall located on County Route 59.

Members present: Eric Pearson, Judy Leon, Bob Hamilton, Dan Thomas, Stuart Ziehm, Secretary Sally Eddy

Absent: Earl Horton, Jerry Moppert

Others present: George Murray, Michael Murray, Peter Bell, Gary & Roxanne Davis, Bill Harrington, Dan Smith and one other person

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order and presided for the evening.

Minutes

Stuart Ziehm motioned, seconded by Judy Leon, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting as mailed by the Secretary with no corrections or additions.

Vote: 5 – Ayes 0 – Noes

Communications

The members briefly reviewed the content of the material that was presented at the November 21 SEQR workshop held at the county building presented by the NYS Department of State and Washington County Real Property Tax services. The purpose of the meeting was to help familiarize participants with the new SEQR forms. Various other planning topics were also covered.

Chairman Pearson reported that he spoke with Jerry Moppert. Mr. Moppert stated his health condition is improving and he desires to stay on as a member of the planning board.

Unfinished Business

At the November 2013 meeting, Dan Smith presented a proposal to combine a .043 acre lot with an adjacent 17.23 acre parcel making them one. The larger parcel is identified by tax map #270.-1-38.6. The smaller lot is part of parcel 270.-1-38.1 and is separated from the bulk of that parcel by Meeting House Road. The smaller lot and the larger parcel both lay south of Meeting House Rd and the road forms the northern boundary of each. Both parcels are owned by Mr. Smith and Mary Anne Richard. Since no new lots were being created, the Planning Board determined the action was exempt from subdivision proceedings and the combining of the two parcels could be done by having an attorney draw up a new deed redefining the larger lot to include the smaller one, blending it into one deed. After the process has been completed, the Assessor needs to be notified of the change.

Mr. Smith, at tonight's meeting, stated he has been in contact with the County's Real Property Tax Office about the matter and they are requesting a letter from the planning board stating the action is exempt from subdivision proceedings. Secretary Sally Eddy commented she received a call from Real Property about the letter and the letter has been sent. The matter is now in the hands of Mr. Smith's attorney.

George Murray and his son, Michael Murray, presented a preliminary survey map for a three parcel minor subdivision. George Murray owns a total 128 acres located on County Route 59 and English Road, identified by tax map #262.-1-12. The subdivision is concerned only with land along English Rd. One lot consists of 39.0 acres and encompasses all the land west of English Rd. There are two lots east of the road, one consists of 30.0 acres and the other 4.7 acres. After carefully reviewing the survey map and completion of the SEQR form, the following resolution was enacted:

Resolution by Dan Thomas

Seconded by Judy Leon

Be It Resolved and Determined, the Planning Board of the Town of Cambridge does hereby grant Preliminary Approval to George Murray for a three parcel minor subdivision located on English Road in accordance with the survey map presented this 5th day of December 2013.

Vote resulted in 5 – Ayes and 0 – Noes.

A public hearing on the George Murray subdivision will be held January 2, 2014, 7:35 PM.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM by a motion made by Stuart Ziehm, seconded by Judy Leon, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Eddy, Secretary

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