

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
Planning Board Meeting Minutes: December 20, 2022

Angi Francesco called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Members Present: Angi Francesco, Chair, Clayton Titus, Member, Ron Huntoon, Member, Bill Nesheim, Vice Chair, Janet Cocchiaro, Member, Christine Renzi, Alternate and Peter Francesco, Ex-Officio

Also Present: Lucinda Hannus, Land Use Assistant, Eversource and VHB Representatives (See sign in sheet)

The chair asked for a motion to move the alternate, Christine Renzi up to full voting status for this meeting.

MOTION: “To move C. Renzi from an alternate position to a full voting member of the board for this meeting”

Motion: B. Nesheim

Second: R. Huntoon

Discussion: None

Motion Passed: 6—Yes 0— No

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 15, 2022

Angi Francesco asked for any corrections to the minutes.

MOTION: “To approve the minutes of November 15, 2022 as submitted”

Motion: B. Nesheim

Second: R. Huntoon

Discussion: None

Motion Passed: 7—Yes 0— No

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Eversource Z180 Line Steep Slope Application

K. Nelson of Eversource briefed the members on the project to replace 2 poles and build an access road in support of the replacement of the Z180 transmission line that runs from the Huckins Hill Substation in Holderness to the Beede Road substation in Campton. He stated it is a very similar project as to the recently approved project to replace the E115 transmission line. There are three areas in Holderness in which steep slopes will be disturbed and they are seeking comments from the planning board for their application currently pending before the Select Board.

T. D’Aquiar from VHB the engineering consultant on this project, detailed the disturbance areas for the structures and the access driveway to be constructed referring to the plans submitted in their application. There will be approximately 800 sq. ft. of temporary wetlands impact with no permanent

alterations expected. All appropriate erosion and sediment control BMPs will be installed prior to construction and weekly inspections by a wetland's scientist. Additional inspections will be made post storm events to ensure compliance with environmental permits.

R. Huntoon asked if a large storm happens where would the gravel roads wash out to?

T. D'Aquiar replied that the roads will be compacted to specifications that should prevent wash outs up to a 100-year storm. Should any gravel erode, it would remain on Eversource property due to the distance away from the property line.

B. Nesheim asked if the gravel roads will remain upon completion of the project?

T. D'Aquiar responded in the affirmative, the work pads will be reduced from 100' x 100' down to 30' x 60' for space for one truck into the future.

J. Cocchiaro asked what the schedule of construction start-up was?

B. Newell responded that the target is February 20 -23, 2023 during an off-line window.

R. Huntoon asked what was the design of the wetlands matting.

T. D'Aquiar responded that they are bundled timbers, stacked and weaved together, cribbed up and bridged over streams that will allow flow and wetlands to function as they currently do. They are not treated and will be removed within one growing season.

B. Nesheim inquired as to the life span of the new poles and the future capacity of this line.

B. Newell responded that they should last more than 50 years and the capacity is increasing about 300% to a build out date of 2050.

The chair asked for a motion on the project. P. Francesco stated he would abstain from voting as he will be hearing this application as a select board member in January.

MOTION: "To recommend approval by the Select Board for the project as detailed on the submitted plans."

Motion: B. Nesheim

Second: C. Renzi

Discussion: None

Motion Passed: 6–Yes 0– No 1- Abstention

2. Adjourn to Nonpublic Session for discussion of legal advice

MOTION: "To move to Non-Public Session to discuss legal advice from the town's legal counsel"

Motion: B. Nesheim
Second: C. Renzi
Discussion: None

A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted in the affirmative.

Motion Passed: 7 –Yes 0– No

3. Return to Public Session

MOTION: “To return to public session and to seal the non-public meeting minutes for one year as they contain legal advice from town counsel as it relates to the recent NH state legislative changes and discussions about how the board should handle a request for an opinion.”

Motion: B. Nesheim
Second: C. Renzi
Discussion: None
Motion Passed: 7 –Yes 0– No

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning District Map / Descriptions

L. Hannus updated the board on the progress of making the necessary changes to the zoning maps and descriptions as previously presented at last month’s meeting. She also advised the board of the changes to the Flood Hazard Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations with regards to floodplain language that will also need to be amended to stay in compliance with FEMA. All changes will be included in the Public Hearing to be scheduled for January 17, 2023.

No other business

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:20 PM, the following motion was made.

MOTION: “To adjourn.”

Motion: B. Nesheim
Second: J. Cocchiaro
Discussion: None

Motion Passed: 7–Yes 0– No

Respectfully submitted,

Lucinda Hannus
Land Use Assistant