

TOWN OF THORNTON PLANNING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting Date: July 3, 2007

The Thornton Planning Board met and held a business meeting on, Tuesday, July 3, 2007 @ 10:00 AM. Board Members present: Barry VanDeMoere, Chairman, Jim Parziale, Selectman, Ron Jansen, Sandy MacIntosh, Tom Anderson, Russ Gilman, Fred Gunter, Tyler Stearns and Marianne Peabody, Secretary.

Others present: Mr. & Mrs. Hutchins, property owners on "North Road" in the Cuttyhunk Development.

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board has satisfied the process of RSA 674:41 ©, regarding the condition of "North Road" in the Cuttyhunk Development.

On June 21, 2007 at the planning board's regular monthly scheduled hearing the board voted unanimously to individually visit "North Road" and to report at a business meeting what each board member observed regarding the condition of this road. The following are individual assessments of this road.

Board Members:

Fred Gunter: visited the site twice – needs mowing and small trees cut. Cul-de-sac small. Road is in good shape as Cuttyhunk Rd. The road is perfectly accessible.

Tyler Stearns: Logs in cul-de-sac need removing so fire truck can access.

Sandy MacIntosh: Feels it is a good solid road.

Tom Anderson: Built same standard as Cuttyhunk Rd it was well built at the time.

Russ Gilman: Road is passable. Met requirements at that time.

Bart Dutto: Good shape.

Ron Jansen: Has not seen

Jim Parziale: Has not seen

Barry Van DeMoere: Physically OK. Prefers not to set precedence. Liability concerns.

Sally Kriebel: E-mail. Liability concerns. Overstated. Technicalities.

Fire Chief Tobine sent a written statement that reads. "The road appears to be wide enough as long as the small trees that have grown in the road are removed and gravel is added to firm up the base. The cul-de-sac should have the logs removed before an assessment can be done as to whether emergency vehicles are able to turn around.

After discussion a motion was made and seconded to reply to the Board of Selectmen with the following:

After reviewing Fire Chief's Tobine's concern regarding the cul-de-sac, the planning board's recommendation is that the road be brought to some reasonable standard that will provide year round safe and sane access for emergency personnel and equipment, as well as for Mr. Hutchins, his family, guests, and future owners of the property. It is the opinion of the board that so called "North Road" met the road construction standard requirements at the time of subdivision, and presently holds the same standards with no significant deterioration or significant drainage issues, and is in the same condition as Cuttyhunk Road. As long as the Hutchins continue to satisfy the balance of the requirements of RSA 674:41, and once North Road is cleared of small trees that have grown in the roadway, and the road and cul de sac are reviewed again by Chief Tobine, the Planning Board feels there is no reason why the Hutchins request for a building permit should not be reviewed.

This meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Marianne Peabody, Sec.
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