

Canaan Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 27, 2009

Andrew Musz called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Members present: Andrew Musz, John Bergeron, Joe Frazier, Pete Gibson (alternate), Chuck Townsend, and Steve Ward. Chair Andrew Musz appointed Pete Gibson to Dan Ware's seat.

Chuck Townsend read the minutes from the meeting on July 23rd, as the August 13 meeting was cancelled. Motion to accept as amended was made by Steve Ward, seconded by John Bergeron and unanimously approved.

7:10 Correspondence:

Received offer of services as a consulting engineer from T. R. Selling Engineering.

Received letter from Mark Boutin, 323 Rt 118, Canaan, expressing concerns about a second dwelling having been established on a neighboring property without following the necessary procedures. Andrew Musz described his discussions with Mr. Boutin and with Scott Sanborn. At least a public hearing will be required to approve a second dwelling on the property. Mr. Sanborn is preparing subdivision plans for the property. He told Andrew Musz that the mobile home was being stored on the property, but was not connected to a septic system, and that the planning board will receive a subdivision application for the property within a few weeks. A motion was made by Steve Ward that if we do not receive a subdivision application before the first meeting in September, we will request that the Chair write a letter to the property owner requesting clarification of the situation.

7:30 Presentation: Mascoma River Designation to NH Rivers Management & Protection Program

The Mascoma River designation process is being managed by Rachel Ruppel from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, and she described the work she is doing toward designation of the river. Laura Weit, Rivers Coordinator from NH DES described the statewide program. Christine Walker, Executive Director of the UVLSRPC and Dave Barney from Canaan were present to support the presentation.

Once a river is designated, representatives of the towns through which the designated part of the river flows form a local advisory committee. The committee can apply for grants, develop and adopt a river management plan and provide local advisory input to the state permitting process. Representatives from Lebanon initiated the designation process for the Mascoma River. Enfield and Canaan are being asked to join Lebanon in preparing the nomination and participating on the local advisory committee.

The process requires dialogue between towns to develop broad support for the designation and a description of the river's characteristics. The local advisory group is likely to nominate the river to the DES Commissioner some time in the next year. If the Commissioner determines that the nomination meets the requirements of the enabling legislation, the designation would be submitted to the state legislature for approval.

A PDF file describing the Mascoma River project is attached.

8:30 Preliminary Completeness Review:

The proposal is for minor subdivision of the property of Richard Roberts and Andrea Roberts, Map 15C Lot 38. The proposal would create a smaller lot at one end of a large lot. The

description of the smaller lot appears complete, but the larger 'remainder' was not completely described. The discussion concerned the need to waive the requirement for the complete description of the 'remainder' section, and how to specify when complete description of property subdivision should be required. Chuck Townsend moved to find the application sufficiently complete for scheduling a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Steve Ward and passed by unanimous vote. The hearing was scheduled for 7:00 on Sept. 10.

8:45 Other Business:

The Sept. 10 meeting will include a presentation. In order to accommodate the agenda the starting time of the meeting will be advanced to 6:45. Scheduling the hearing for 7:00 will allow the presentation to begin at 7:15.

In response to a request from the public, the board will all be seated facing the public section of the room.

8:50 Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by John Bergeron, seconded by Pete Gibson and passed.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Townsend, Acting Scribe