

Canaan Planning Board

Minutes

Meeting on April 26, 2007

7:05 Meeting called to order by Andy Musz.

Members Present: Joe Frazier, Pete Gibson (alternate), Andrew Musz, Cliff Rudder (alternate), Charles Townsend, Jay Waldner, Dan Ware. Alternates Pete was appointed to John Bergeron's seat and Cliff Rudder was appointed to fill Steve Ward's seat.

Charles Townsend read minutes of April 12, 2007. Acceptance moved (Dan Ware) with second (Jay Waldner) and approved with minor changes.

7:10 Announcements:

Andy reviewed mail – advertisements for services.

Chuck noted that he had received a review of the Class VI Roads draft policy, to be copied, distributed to subcommittee members, and considered at a future meeting.

There were no new applications for completeness review.

7:15 Nate Miller, the UVLSRPC planner who prepared the Route 4 Corridor Study reviewed the study with the PB. Discussion included the following.

Safety concerns for Rt 4 in Canaan:

- Areas with inadequate shoulders

- Flood-prone areas

- Sight-distance

- Retaining walls and other infrastructure in need of repair.

Recommendations for addressing infrastructure:

- NH Dept of Transportation has no money available for new work

- Tangential improvements may be integrated into work already scheduled

- Infrastructure maintenance could provide long-term savings.

Recommendations for managing growth and development:

- Encourage shared driveways, and/or minimum distance between driveways

- Encourage interconnectedness between developments to share road access

- Negotiate MoU on road access with DoT

- Add turning lanes to remove turning vehicles from travel lanes.

Recommendations for managing future transportation demand:

- Encourage Advance Transit

- Provide park-and-ride areas

- Provide additional access to rail-trail and additional sidewalks

- Stagger work and school hours to spread high-travel periods

- Create incentives for shopping locally.

8:25 Rick Evans from Casperson Properties will reapply for excavation permit, eliminating need for consult on 1999 permit.

8:28 Discussion opened on Robert G. & Sherrie P. Nicholson Rev. Trust application for voluntary merger of lots of record Map 1-F Lots 26 and 27. Motion made (Chuck Townsend) and seconded (Joe Frazier) to approve the merger. Motion passed and PB members signed the agreement.

8:35 Motion for adjournment (Chuck Townsend) was seconded (Jay Waldner) and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Townsend