Planning Board Site Walk for Tilton Lane Subdivision Application - Notes

Time: 9:00am-10:00am

Site Walk Date: March 14, 2020

Planning Board Attendees: Planning Board Chair Joshua Bath, Scott Orleans, Bill Caswell, Emily Anderson, and Circuit Rider Planner Julie LaBranche

Town Staff Attendees: Building Inspector John Moreau, Road Agent Mark Brinkerhoff, Police Chief LePage, Officer Clayton Jarvis, Conservation Commission Chair/Town Engineer Dennis Quintal, Selectmen Justin Lyons and Joe Cacciatore, and Fire Chief Ed Warren

Other Attendees: Consultant Barry Gier and Applicant Sal Ragonese, resident Peter Griffin. Abutter Matt Ranz joined about mid-way through the site walk.

The site walk began at the end of Tilton Lane. Lead by consultant Barry Gier, attendees walked the marked path of the proposed center line of the proposed extension of Tilton Lane. The majority of the proposed development site is forested with wetlands and meadow on the southwestern corner of the property. Several wetlands were observed on site as well as disturbance to vegetation and rutting from prior test pit excavation. Several attendees noted standing water and ferns in one location of disturbance.

Attendees gathered at the proposed intersection of the Tilton Lane extension with Route 107. Police Chief LePage voiced concerns that the geometry of Route 107 (slope, pitch, s-curves) often causes cars to skid off the road during snow and icy conditions. He had particular concerns about cars stopped in the mid-point of the hill to make a left turn into Tilton Lane. He reported a history of accidents and a number of police responses to the general vicinity. LePage will provide the Planning Board with accident and response data from the last 20 years. Fire Chief Warren reported no emergency responses at this location.

Planning Board Chair Joshua Bath and Circuit Rider Planner Julie LaBranche explained that the Planning Board will discuss hiring a traffic and safety engineer to evaluate the proposed roadway intersection. [Note traffic and safety issues at the entrance to Tilton Lane from Route 150 and potential damage to Tilton Lane during construction.]

Attendees traversed the marked center line of the proposed extension of Tilton Lane back to the end of Tilton Lane. The site walk concluded at 10:00am.

Respectfully Submitted on 3/17/20 by

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Minutes approved MAY 21, 2020