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**AGENDA**

**MONT VERNON PLANNING BOARD**

**Public Meeting**

**March 28, 2023**

Present: Chip Spalding, David Hall, John Quinlan, Zach Johnson, DPW Director Ben Crosby

Absent: Jim Bird, Steve Bennett

Called to order: 7:00pm

Spalding calls the meeting to order and seats Johnson for a quorum.

**7:00pm: Scenic Roads Hearing Old Amherst Rd. Brook Rd.:**

Andrew King of Eversource presents a list of trees that are to be removed at the request of residents due to age, rot, die-back and disease. **Johnson** asks for an explanation of the pole numbers listed in the report. King explains that they identify the location of the trees. **Hall** asks if the landowners have been advised and King states all trees to be removed are at the request of the landowners and they are aware. **Hall** asks if there will be issues regarding the stumps and King states they will be cut flush. **Hall** asks **Crosby** if he has looked at the trees and if he has any questions or concerns regarding their removal. **Crosby** states he has looked at the trees and has no concerns. **Spalding** states he’s aware of the issues regarding Emerald Ash Borer and asks if that is the issue with these ash trees on the list. King states yes. **Spalding** asks about the pines and King states they are suffering from a fungal disease.

**Hall motions to approve Eversource and their contractor Asplundh to cut the 7 trees on the presented list, second by Johnson, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passed.**

**7:10pm: Preview of Residential Subdivision**

Schwarz presents plans that were dropped today along with an application for a residential subdivision, and if so, can they hold the Scenic Roads hearing immediately following their Subdivision hearing. The applicant is asking if they will be required to have a Scenic Roads hearing as part of the planning process. The Boardreviews the plans and states that yes, these plans will require a Scenic Roads hearing, and that should be an entirely separate meeting after the acceptance of the subdivision hearing. Further, the process of a Subdivision hearing may require multiple hearings. **Hall** states that it is not germane to the current meeting but in case he is not at the hearing he would like the board to note that farm pond has had spillway issues where the water has run down to where it appears the house and septic are planned.

**8:30pm: Public Time**

**Schwarz** comes before the Board as Heritage Commission Chair to invite the Board to attend a preliminary meeting with the architect and builder to begin working on a plan of the vision for the future of the Town Hall. The Heritage Commission is inviting members of the Fire Department, DPW, Selectmen, Building Inspector, and the Planning Board to participate in the meeting. There is no brick-and-mortar work as a part of this step, but it will give the Heritage Commission an actual dollar amount to fundraise for. This is a very important step in the process, and the Heritage Commission is on the Selectmen’s Meeting agenda at 7:30 Monday April 3 to come together ahead of time so all departments, boards and committees involved understand the plan and the process moving forward. The meeting with the architect and builder is projected to be 4/13/23.

**7:50pm Review of Minutes:**

**Johnson motions to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Quinlan. No further discussion, Quinlan abstains, all others in favor, motion passed.**

**7:55pm Other business:**

Spalding asks Schwarz to set a public meeting to approve the updates to the Master Plan updates from the Strategic Advisory Committee. Schwarz offers the date of May 9, board agrees.

**Hall motions to adjourn, seconded by Johnson**

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm

Next meeting: April 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Schwarz

Admin