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PLANNING BOARD'S 6:00PM MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2023, 6:00 PM Selectmen's Chambers

272 Main Street, Townsend MA, AND via ZOOM for convenience

Carol Hoffses, Acting Chair opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Roll call vote of members present in person were Andrew Shepherd, Robert Therrien, Carol Hoffses, attending remotely was Michael Virostko (Associate member).

Others present: Beth Faxon, Planning Board Administrative Assistant in person and Jessica Consolvo Land Use Coordinator remotely, Eric Slagle, Town Administrator.

6:00 PM Discussion – turnaround at 37 Burgess Road. The Chair asked for comments from anyone present and none were received.

Andrew Shepherd moved that the Board waive the circular turnaround and landscaped island requirements in Section 175-16.B.16 of its Subdivision Rules and Regulations as they may apply to the portion of Burgess Road adjacent to 37 Burgess Road, so as to allow for use of the existing T-turnaround constructed by John and Darlene Hussey in or around early- to mid-2017, but on the express conditions:

- that the T-turnaround be kept free of all vehicles and obstructions, including but not limited to overhead obstructions up to a height of 12 feet, with appropriate signage installed by the Husseys to such effect; that its surface at all times be able to support the weight of fire apparatus; and that the Husseys, their successors and assigns be responsible for all maintenance of such portion(s) of the T-turnaround as are on their private property, including but not limited to sanding and snow removal as needed; and
- that the Husseys grant to the Town, for themselves and their successors and assigns, a
 perpetual easement in, over and through such portion(s) of the T-turnaround as are on
 their private property, for the purposes of emergency access and, notwithstanding the
 Husseys' maintenance obligations, maintenance by the Town should the Husseys fail to
 complete the same.

Robert Therrien seconded the motion. Acting Chair Carol Hoffses appointed Michael Virostko to full member. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YES – R. Therrien, A. Shepherd, C. Hoffses, M. Virostko. The motion carried 4-0-0.



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Acting Chair Carol Hoffses made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 pm. Andrew Shepherd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: YES - R. Therrien, A. Shepherd, C. Hoffses, M. Virostko. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved on: October 30, 2023

Beth Faxon

Planning Board Administrative Assistant

Items on file:

draft motion Townsend Planning Board October 4, Meeting.

Votes may be taken at any time during the meeting. The listing of topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting is not intended as a guarantee of topics that will have been discussed. Not all topics listed may in fact be discussed, and other topics not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.