



TOWN OF EASTON
Planning & Zoning Board
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Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2008

Board Members Present: Christine Santoro, Chair; Colin Gillis, Clerk; Walter Johnson, Gregory Strange, John Duggan

Staff Members Present: Alice Savage, Planner; Pamela Almeida, Recording Secretary

Christine Santoro opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. BOARD BUSINESS

Comments on South Coast Rail ENF: Alice Savage discussed the Planning Board has been sought for comments on the project. The Board of Selectmen's position is against the train, per Charles King. Walter Johnson asked 1) what a ridership might be; 2) how much of a subsidy does the Town pay; and 3) why is the Town paying a subsidy now when it has been owned it for 15 years. Fred Clark feels that Taunton and Fall River (who are pushing for) will see more ridership than Easton. Charles King feels that Taunton and Fall River (who are pushing for) will see more ridership than Easton. Gregory Strange agrees that the project is coming. Colin Gillis and Christine Santoro are for the train and feel it would be a benefit to Easton. Christine questioned where an Easton station would be. Possible stops discussed include a regional station at Roche Bros., and the old station (currently Historical Society building). Gregory if coming this way, we would anticipate substantial mitigation and help in acquiring land for a station. John Duggan took the train from North Attleboro for years and enjoyed the train and felt it was a great convenience. Sharon's station is resident parking for \$6.00 per day which goes to the State. Five routes are proposed, four are rail lines, and the other is an enhanced bus route. If against the train, should support the bus. A letter will be drafted by Alice Savage and Christine Santoro.

Problem Streets Report:

The subdivision known as Alderwood Estates (Alderwood Drive) was approved 3/13/1987. The outstanding issues are missing fire alarm box, no as-built plans received. The road has cracks and the manholes and catch basins need to be reset. The Town has \$18,000 left in the bond that the Board can vote to release to complete. The estimated cost to complete is \$12,359.

The street known as Julie Road Extension was approved 7/14/1993. However, the following items remain outstanding, the wearing course needs to be installed, curb in need of repair and backfill, the cul-de-sac curbing needs to be installed, the binder course needs to be re-installed and we have not received the as-built plan. The Town has \$8,865 left in the bond; however the estimated cost to complete is \$49,396.

The subdivision known as Riverview Meadow (Smith Circle) was approved 12/15/1993. Outstanding items include filling cracks in the road, resetting catch basins and have not received the as-built plan. The Town has no money in the bond and the estimated cost to complete is \$28,108.

The subdivision known as Country Club Estates (Justin Drive) was recently accepted at Town Meeting in 2007. Outstanding issues include installation of curbing at the entrance, installation of four bounds, relocation of street light, move pole and fire hydrant off the sidewalk, repair the sidewalk & road surfaces, have not received the as-built plans or deeds. The Town has no money in the bond and the estimated cost to complete is \$6,030.

The subdivision known as Camelot (Guinevere Road) was approved in the 1970's, however the Town never took title to the road. It is recommended to send a letter to Mr. Antosca (the developer) requesting he submit the recorded deeds to the town.

Gregory Strange motioned to send a letter to Mr. Antosca, seconded by Colin Gillis. Motion passes (5-0)

Susan Road Extension, approved in 1954, was never built and is considered a 'paper street'. There is a problem regarding the lots, which are taxed, having no legal access to Susan Road, which has been used to access Susan Road Extension. The Board may consider rescinding the subdivision approval.

Other Business: Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2008

Walter Johnson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Gregory Strange. Motions passes (5-0)

6:55 P.M. REQUEST FOR LOT RELEASE – JOSIE'S WAY

Mark Perron, trustee of Howard Street Realty Trust.

He is seeking to release the last lot at Josie's Way, Lot 3.

The Performance Bond was received and revised per Town Counsel's comments. Paragraph 3, add "Northern" before the Bristol County Registry of Deeds. In paragraph 6, second paragraph, second line remove duplication of word "and". In third paragraph, second line changed 'release to released'. In the first paragraph, the date should be changed from December 16 to 17. The Road Cost Estimate had been voted on previously to accept \$108,797 for surety in the form of a Performance Bond.

Walter Johnson motions to approve as proposed, seconded by Colin Gillis. Motion passed (5-0).

The Board signed the Performance Bond and the Form F. Mark Perron took the Performance Bond for further signatures and to record at the Registry of Deeds.

7:00 P.M. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: RULES AND REGULATIONS

Alice Savage discussed changes including those suggested from Town Counsel.

Colin Gillis motioned to incorporate changes as proposed, seconded by Walter Johnson. Motion passes 5-0-1 (John Duggan abstained)

ADJOURN

Walter Johnson motioned to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Colin Gillis. Motion passes 5-0

Respectfully Submitted by Pamela Almeida, Recording Secretary

Signed by,



Colin Gillis, Clerk

1-14-09

Date