

Minutes of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee

March 15, 2018

Milford Police Department, Milford, NH

In attendance were members: George May (Merrimack) Chairman, Nelson Disco (Merrimack), Robert Clemens (Amherst), Cory Ritz (New Ipswich), Celeste Barr (Milford)

Bill Mahar (Wilton), Kleta Dudley (New Ipswich), Marshall Buttrick (New Ipswich) and Richard Hart (Amherst) had indicated to the Chairman prior to the meeting that they were unable to attend.

Brent Cole, representing Keach Nordstrom Engineers and Connor Beote, owner/applicant for Overlook Estates were also present for the presentation of the Overlook Estates Project.

The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2018, were approved with minor corrections.

Brent Cole presented the Overlook Estates Elderly Housing Project in Merrimack to the Committee. The plans previously presented are about to be modified by removal of the two single family housing units and the paved driveway servicing these units. The project will now have three triplex units and 19 duplex units for a total of 40 elderly housing units. It was expressed that the project has a closed drainage system designed for a 50 year storm event. Drainage from the project is collected in a closed system which empties into an open infiltration pond, Concern was expressed by the Committee members about the possibility of storms in excess of the 50 year event and the applicant explained that he felt the design was conservative, but excess drainage would sheet flow to neighboring property and then to the Souhegan River. The project includes a substantial rebuild of East Chamberlain Road to widen and lessen the grade on portions of the road. Pedestrian access is provided to the Rite-Aid Shopping center to the north of the site. Most of the project lies outside of the Shoreland Protection area.

Following the presentation the committee expressed some concern with the drainage design for events greater than the 50 year storm. Other issues discussed included the desire to provide pedestrian access to the footbridge across the Souhegan River west of the site, the need for a sedimentation and erosion control plan during construction, the desire for no salt use on the property, marking all catch basins with "Dump no Waste stickers, and the use of New England seed mix for all lawn areas. The chairman will send a letter to DES expressing the Committee concerns.

Mr. Beote then left the meeting and Mr. Cole presented the plans for a Shoreland Permit Application for one of the Hazen Property lots on Upham Road in Merrimack. Plot plan for locating a single family house in the shoreland protected area was discussed.

This lot lies totally within the Shoreland protected area. After the presentation, Mr. Cole left the meeting and the Committee expressed several concerns with the project. It appears that a considerable amount of fill is planned to be brought into the area which almost intrudes into the 50 foot setback from the edge of the river. The amount of fill required could be reduced by moving the house closer to Upham Road. Salt and chemical fertilizer limitations should be written into the deed on this lot. The chairman will send a letter to DES expressing the Committee concerns.

The chairman reviewed a few minor changes that had been made to the Merrimack DPW Garage plan which had been reviewed at the February Meeting.

The Souhegan Sustainability Fair will be held in Wilton High School on April 14, 10 until 4. George encouraged members to attend.

Nerw Ipswich voters have approved construction a new bridge over the Souhegan at their Town Meeting.

Richard Hart is still recovering from a bad fall on the ice

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on April 19, if there is material needing Committee review.

Submitted by Nelson Disco, March 16, 2018