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Town of Damariscotta
Planning Board Meeting
October 03, 2005
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ROLL CALL:

Chairman of the Board, George Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There was a quorum present throughout. Members present were Wilder Hunt, Jonathan Eaton, Paul Stevens, George Parker, and Fred Sewall. The audience included:

- Mark Hanley, Contractor – South Bristol, ME – Back Meadow Road subdivision new questions regarding possible dirt moving

1. Minutes

Due to a corrupt computer disk, all Planning Board minutes for the August 1, 2005 meeting and the September 12, 2005 meeting were lost and will have to be re-done for the November meeting.

2. Mark Hanley, Contractor – South Bristol, Maine – Back Meadow Road subdivision – questions on recent dirt moving activity.

Mark Hanley came before the Board because he received a message to stop work and come to the Planning Board on his answering machine from the Town Codes Enforcement Officer regarding the dirt moving activity on the lot across the street from his approved Back Meadow Road subdivision.

Hanley told the Board he was in possession of a permit from the Town Code Enforcement Officer issued last year to turn the former home site back into a field. He told the Board he plans to re-contour the land and take it back down to a field, but apparently there was a misunderstanding, because he indicated that the Code Enforcement Officer stated that he thought Hanley was talking about the other side of the road. Hanley told the Board he had absolutely no problem following the steps needed, he was not trying to hide anything, at the time he asked last year, he was told there was nothing more required of him. He told the Board this was absolutely not going to be a gravel pit.

Hanley asked the Board what he needed to do now. Parker asked the Board if they thought a full site review would be required – and if so, do they stop all work

until it's approved. Hanley stated that he did not think any of the neighbors will be unhappy with the finished product, but they can't see it yet. Parker stated that the current Land Use Ordinance does not deal with mining or extraction at all. Parker asked Hanley how long he saw the project taking. Hanley stated he would be done summer of 2006. He indicated on an informal site plan he presented to the Board how far he'd hoped to get this year.

Hanley told the Board he had no idea what his final elevations would be, he's kind of doing it as he goes along. He did state that he envisions the first 30-40 feet off the road to be a fairly level grade and then the lot will start to gently curve downward. Hanley guessed that to date he has moved approximately 1700 yards of material off the lot he then stated that he may be able to move another 1700, probably much less.

Fred Sewall stated that he saw no reason why Hanley should be not allowed to continue forward, as long as he files an application for site review ASAP for the November meeting. Hanley told the Board that he'd had this idea for the field all along, and would have come before the Board with site review, if he'd been told that he needed to.

Paul Stevens stated that he thought the sooner he could get it done and cleaned up the better. Hanley stated that he does have fencing on order and plans to fence with a white farm fence at the entrance of the subdivision as well as the other side of the street.

Fred Sewall stated that his opinion was to get going – clean the site up and get the paperwork in for November and notify abutters by certified mail.

Hanley asked the Board exactly what they'd require him to submit for site review. Parker stated he should indicate the distance from the work to the wetlands – not an official delineation, but show it on the plan. Parker also stated the beginning contour and the end contour would be the most important. He also stated it would be important to allow neighbors to come voice any concerns.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Fred Sewall made a motion to adjourn. Wilder Hunt seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of adjournment.

George Parker, Chairman

Jonathan Eaton

Wilder Hunt

Respectfully Submitted by:

Paul Stevens

Rebecca J. Bartolotta

Fred Sewall

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