

TOWN OF HEBRON
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2024

PRESENT: Paul Hazelton, Pat Moriarty, Rich James, and Karen Sanborn, Town Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: Ben Hall (Highway Supervisor), Ivan Quinchia (Planning Board Chair)

10:30 A.M. **COMMENCED MEETING:** Chair Hazelton commenced the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

10:30 A.M. **HEBRON/ALEXANDRIA ROAD ISSUES:** Ivan Quinchia approached the Select Board to provide information on the condition of the Hebron/Alexandria Road and the property where the work is being done. Mr. Quinchia reported that culverts were replaced in the road that had collapsed from a previous logging operation, quarrying of ledge had been performed, and a driveway was installed without a driveway permit. Chair Hazelton asked if the terrain had been changed or altered. Mr. Quinchia replied yes as the road was straightened where the culverts were added. Vice-Chair Moriarty asked Mr. Quinchia if there was a bond posted for the logging operation. Mr. Quinchia did not recall. Ms. Sanborn noted that a bond was posted by Michael Sharp (logger) at the time of one of the logging operations and before the bond is released the road is reviewed by the Highway Supervisor to ensure the road is left in the original condition. Mr. Hall stated that the access used ~~was in existence from a previous logging operation.~~ existed. Mr. Quinchia did not recall signing a driveway permit for this lot. The Board discussed with Mr. Quinchia and Mr. Hall the work that was done to the road, the work performed on the lot, and the blasting of ledge. Mr. Quinchia felt an alteration of terrain permit was needed and an excavation permit. Ms. Sanborn read the requirements for an excavation permit to the Select Board, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Quinchia. An excavation permit was not required as the amount of material excavated did not meet the requirements and the material remained on the property. Everyone present agreed that Mr. Hall should have met with the Select Board before any improvements were made to the Hebron/Alexandria Road and that there could have been better communication throughout the process.

11:00 A.M. **EMERALD ASH BORER:** Mr. Hall informed the Select Board that he reviewed and marked the ash trees that have been affected by the Emerald Ash Borer along the town roads and some trees have been killed. During the last windstorm in town, one of the trees fell into the town road. Mr. Hall noted that there are about 150 – 200 trees that have been affected. Mr. Hall is considering removing the trees that present the most danger of falling into the town roads. Selectman James suggested offering them up for firewood to the taxpayers or chipping the trees to prevent any further damage.

11:04 A.M. Ben Hall left the meeting.

11:04 A.M. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Ms. Sanborn suggested to the Board and Mr. Quinchia review an amended Driveway Permit application that included temporary access to a lot that would be closed when the construction project or logging operation was complete. The Planning Board Chair and Highway Supervisor would review the temporary access once the construction/logging operations were complete to ensure proper closure of the access. Ms. Sanborn informed Mr. Quinchia that she would forward the document for review.

11:06 A.M. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** Selectman James moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m., seconded by Vice-Chair Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sanborn
Town Administrator

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