HOLLIS PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 16th, 2017

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PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Hoffman – Chairman, Doug Cleveland – Vice Chairman, R. Hardy, Chet Rogers and David Petry, Ex-Officio for Selectmen, Mark Le Doux – Alternate Ex-Officio for Selectmen, Alternates Ben Ming, Bill Moseley and Jeff Peters
ABSENT: Dan Turcott and Brian Stelmack
STAFF PRESENT: Mark Fougere, Town Planner; Wendy Trimble, Planning Assistant
1. CALL TO ORDER: C. Hoffman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. APPROVAL OF PLANNING BOARD MINUTES:
R. Hardy made a motion to approve Planning Board minutes April 18th 2017. Motion was seconded by D. Cleveland. All in favor none opposed. J. Peters and M. Le Doux abstained.
C. Hoffman nominated B. Moseley and B. Ming to vote on behalf of B. Stelmack and D. Turcott.
B. Moseley made a motion to approve the Site walk minutes as amended from May 6 th 2017. R. Hardy seconded. All in favor none opposed. M. Le Doux and B. Ming abstained.
 a. Agenda additions and deletions – none. b. Committee Reports – none c. Staff Report – none d. Regional Impact – R. Hardy wants M. Fougere to make some enquiries to Nashua as they are planning on treating the Nashua River for Milfoil and proposing to use a relatively toxic material which would have prohibited people from watering crops for months. Also a possibility to be detrimental to drinking water and Hollis was not notified. M. Fougere said he would call Nashua to find out what was going on.
4. SIGNATURE OF PLAN:
File #2826 – Minor subdivision of 20.4 acre lot into 4 lots, 81 Jewett Lane Map 9 lot 9, Skinner Family Nominee Trust.
B. Moseley made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign plan #2826. C. Rogers seconded. All ir

favor none opposed.

5. PB2017-06: Final Approval: Proposed major standard layout subdivision of six lots on a new town road and a lot line relocation, Applicant/owner Lone Pine Hunters Club, Inc. & Michael/Jamie Curran and Seth/Kara Myers, 112 & 116 Rideout Road, Map 15 Lots 71, 71-1, 71-2, & 71-3, Zoned R&A Residential Agriculture. **Tabled from April 18, 2017**

M. Fougere stated the Planning Board did a site walk on Saturday 6th May. He asked if they had anything to discuss relative to this walk. Lone Pine is currently serviced by aboveground utility poles, the applicant has submitted a waiver request for the board to consider allowing these poles to remain, stating that utilities from the poles to the homes would be underground. D. LaBombard's comments had been addressed by Meridian but unfortunately he had not had time to review. This would be a condition if the board wished to approve.

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D. Cleveland made a motion to grant the waiver request to keep the utility poles. B. Moseley seconded. All in favor none opposed.

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R. Haight, Meridian Land Services, approached the podium. He explained that they were waiting for the subdivision permit from the State.

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R. Hardy asked if from previous applications on this site any evidence of contamination on this part of the lot. M. Fougere stated that it was well vetted and there was never any problem with this area. C. Hoffman asked the board if they had any further questions. There were none.

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M. Fougere read the conditions for approval.

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- The applicant shall submit a recordable Mylar and three paper prints along with appropriate recording fees.
- 2. Permit will be required from NHDES: State Subdivision.
 - 3. Drainage easement documents shall be submitted.
- Proper bonding and/or erosion control security shall be in place prior to the commencement of any work on the site.
- The Applicant shall arrange a preconstruction conference with Planning Staff and the Town's inspector prior to undertaking any road construction activity.
- 6. Soil Scientist stamp shall be added to plan.
 - 7. Owner's signatures shall be added to the plan.
 - 8. All issues raised by the Town Engineer shall be addressed.
- 9. Note that abutting lots 15-3, 15-29 & 10-18 are Town open space.

M. Fougere also explained that T. Bayrd Director of Public Works had commented about the infiltration basins being on private land and confirmed that there will be easements on these basins. He also confirmed that T. Bayrd had revisited the site with Kevin Anderson from Meridian and was ok with the distance of the utility poles from the road. A comment from R. Towne regarding the cistern was addressed by D. LaBombard.

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town road, and lot line relocation with the conditions as listed. B. Moseley seconded. All in favor none opposed.

86 87 **6. PB2017-08: Conceptual Consultation:** Proposed site plan application for the construction of a 52 unit "Housing for Older Persons" development on a 30.8 acre site, Applicant/owner Raisanen Homes, Inc., Map 45-50, Silver Lake Road, Zoned R&A Residential Agriculture. Tabled from April 18, 2017

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M. Fougere stated that the Planning Board Members had requested that the applicant take a closer look at the density calculations and open space. Fieldstone had provided new details, to check the calculations in more detail and it does. C. Hoffman said it was still in the conceptual phase and that the board would need to decide what they would like to see at design stage. M. Fougere suggested that as there was going to be a community well, and this was the main concern of abutters, this water analysis should be done as part of the next stage for design review. They need to prove out to the state satisfaction that these homes supply will not impact the abutting properties. Also, there are a lot of concerns about traffic so a traffic survey will be required also. It will also be helpful to compare this to other similar type projects in town to gauge the differences in figures.

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Chad Brannon, Civil Engineer with Fieldstone Land Consultants, approached the podium. They have provided some additional information to confirm the density. Two exhibit plans were also submitted which establish the calculations and demonstrated visually how they would address those requirements. He asked that the Board tell them what studies are required for the design review stage. He also added they have hired Lewis Engineering to carry out the Community well survey to be submitted to the State. For this size of project they needed a well that would provide 18-20 gallons per minute, and currently the well is yielding 30 gallons per minute. A six hour test has been carried out and the next test is 72 hours. He is hoping for feedback to allow them to move into design review phase.

 M. Le Doux express his concern with the entrance and its slope, width to accommodate emergency vehicles and the amount of traffic created from 52 new homes. Traffic flow and how you deal with it in the winter and how the inbound and outbound traffic is dealt with on certain times of the day. C. Brannon referred to the previous subdivision and the studies that we carried out for that application. All these details will be brought forth at design stage. He added they will need to get a NHDOT permit for the state road. C. Hoffman asked if there will be a stop sign at the junction onto Silver Lake Road and C. Brannon confirmed there would be. C. Hoffman also asked if the well was going to be a dug well. C. Brannon confirmed it is a drilled well already in place. M. Le Doux asked if they would create a reservoir system. C. Brannon said depending on the yield of the well, they may need some in place storage. So looking at the position of the community well the goal would be to have the reservoir in the basement area of the clubhouse. This would minimize the impacts to the site. He also confirmed to M. Le Doux that what is being proposed is each home will have their own septic system. B. Moseley asked if they were considering a lawn irrigation system as this would impact the well also. D. Cleveland asked what the size of the storage under the club house would be and C. Brannon this would still need a lot of calculations but broadly speaking it looks like two 5500 gallon tanks. The information requested by D. Cleveland is normally dealt with on a State level but C. Brannon said he would be happy to share this with the Town also. R. Hardy stated that the landscape in the first 900 feet will need to be irrigated so that has to be factored as part of the water usage.

M. Fougere confirmed the studies that will be required, as traffic study for site (plus comparison to another site i.e. Summerfield), storm water, drainage, wildlife habitat (was carried out for previous project), visual impact (using the previous entrance landscape plan so M. Fougere offered to look at these and confirm if anything else needed) and the well calculations/water supply study. R. Hardy suggested that when he includes the landscape plan with the submission then the board will be able to see more clearly this visual information. The site walk will have the road staked out. However a site walk will be more beneficial after seeing the design review plans first. The board agreed.

D. Cleveland made a motion to move to design review. B. Moseley seconded. All in favor none opposed.

7. PB2017-010: Site Plan application: Proposed site plan amendment, change of use of building from Viking Resources storage to use by a Landscape Company as storage and for setting up equipment for preparation of daily jobs. Applicant/owner Viking Resources, 10 Clinton Drive, Map 004 Lot 069, Zoned IN - Industrial. Application acceptance & Public Hearing.

 M. Fougere explained this applicant is requesting approval to allow for a change of use to an existing 1,950 square foot building located at the rear of their site that would be subleased to a landscaping company. The building most recently has been used for storage, but was originally constructed as a maintenance garage. The tenant, Salmon Brook Landscaping, has three employees and the building will be used to store landscaping equipment. Areas adjacent to the building will be used to park trucks and tractors. The tenant's hours of operation are from 7am to 5pm, Mon – Friday, no

weekends. Three other tenants share this site, including Viking Roofing, Automaster and a carpet installer. The packet included photographs of the building, letters of support and a letter from an abutter.

Kevin Korn, the applicant, approached the podium. He introduced himself to the board as president of Salmon Brook Landscaping and expressed his hope that he will be able to occupy this building at 10 Clinton Drive. He explained to the board what type of business he has and how they operate their daily duties. Salmon Brook Landscape began in 1976 by his dad and he took it over in 1996. Throughout the next 20 years they have thrived as a small business and never exceeded three employees. The workforce is made up of his father Kurt Korn, Mark Webber and himself. They base their successful on hard work, fair and solid business practices and pride. They keep their standards high, and respect not only the people of properties they maintain but those nearby also. He would like the opportunity to show the Town of Hollis, just how great a company they are. His covering letter with the application added they have a close relationship with Stewart Property Management to which they take care of properties ranging from retirement homes to condominium complexes. They provide general maintenance, irrigation installations, snow removal, landscape reconstruction and design. He listed his equipment.

 The Board asked K. Korn a number of questions including if he was going to create dust, he answered no, if he was going to store chemicals, they do lawn turf programs and are required to submit a record to the state so everything is recorded. A small business like his does not store quantities of chemicals long term. M. Le Doux asked that a condition be put on application for the applicant to create a manifest for any hazardous materials to be stored on this site, and provide this to the Fire Chief. J. Peters asked about outside storage of materials, and K. Korn stated that at this point there will be no outside storage of materials but in the future if he did he would have to go the ZBA for a variance. R. Hardy asked that we treat this the same as the conditions requested for Morin's to be consistent.

D. Cleveland made a motion to accept application PB2017-010. B. Moseley seconded. All in favor none opposed.

 C. Hoffman opened the public hearing.

Fred Courchaine, 5 Ann Street approached the podium. He is concerned with the change of use from Viking Roofing to Salmon Brook Landscaping as opening a door without consideration the abutters. He is concerned there is a hidden agenda especially since discussion moved into chemicals. He asked if the preparation at night would mean lots of noise in unsocial hours. What lighting is proposed? How would they wish to expand in the future? He wants the board to consider carefully all the effects including light and noise has on abutters when they make their decision.

Morgan Hollis, Attorney at Gottesman & Hollis Nashua, representing Pitary's Homes Inc the direct abutter, tonight. Mr. Pitary's is with him tonight. He has concerns and questions that he hopes the applicant will answer. Firstly the Pitary's homes community well is about 100 feet away from this site. They will object to any outside storage in this area. Details of the storage of both materials and equipment should be submitted to the board as part of the application and be part of the approval should the board grant approval. He wanted further confirmation on lighting, hours of operation, number of staff, parking for staff and where the parking is on the site, winter hours for snow removal, washing and repair of equipment and how much change in the change of use is going to be permitted. Disclosure is important.

Bill Rigg, 9 Clinton Drive, Micromatics Machine Company owner, approached the podium. He is here is support of this application. He said there would be no lighting issues and if there are chemicals to stipulate they are stored in locked containers. He has been there 27 years and after 6pm the park is quiet. Since Viking has bought that property, they have improved it and made a fantastic

206 job. The building is nice and the lighting suitable. It's an industrial complex that has been there a long time with business similar to this one already there and he doesn't see any problems. 207

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Tom Morin, Morin's landscaping. He has known Kevin Korn and his family for 35 years and he stated they are a professional small organization and they do things right. He feels they will be great tenants and he would be happy if they moved next to him in an industrial zoned area.

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Cathy Hoffman closed the public hearing.

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K. Korn approached the podium to answer all the questions. He explained they do not work nights as they all have families to go home to and morning pick only involves one man. He explained that finish time may extend to 6pm and later than this would be in emergencies only. Hours of working would be 7am – 6pm would work and also leniency for emergency pickups. The parking of trucks was discussed and a decision made to make sure they were not in the well radius and if any trucks leaked oil then measures would be taken to ensure it didn't drop on the ground i.e. drip trays.

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David Petry arrived at the meeting but did not vote as M. Le Doux stayed.

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- M. Fougere listed the conditions as:
 - Parking will be limited to the east side of the site and no parking within the well radius and leak mitigation will be used
 - 2. A chemical manifest will be submitted to the fire department and all storage of chemicals will be locked inside a trailer inside a building.
 - BMP's for all storage will take place
 - 4. No major repairs will occur on the property
 - 5. Hours of operation will be limited from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday with lighting only during these hours. No weekend hours. Emergency winter access is acceptable but limited.
 - 6. No outside storage of materials
 - No more than five employees.

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- D. Cleveland made a motion to approve application PB2017-010 with the conditions as listed above.
- B. Moseley seconded. All in favor none opposed.

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8. PB2017-009: Site Plan application: Proposed site plan amendment for the Hollis Montessori School to propose expanding the number of parking spaces and improve traffic circulation, access, use of bunkhouse as classrooms, all exterior property improvements as listed in ZBA2017-003 and approved 04/27/2017 and landscaping improvements to accommodate increase school enrollment of up to 150 students and 20 full time equivalent staff, Applicant/owner Hollis Montessori School, 9 South Merrimack, Map 36 Lot 32, R/A Residential and Agricultural. Application acceptance & Public Hearing

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J. Peters recused himself from this application.

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- D. Cleveland made a motion to accept application PB2017-009. B. Moseley seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- 252 M. Fougere stated As the Board is aware, the Applicant was before the Planning Board last year over 253 a period of months, up until the September 20th meeting. As a result of the ZBA decision on
- 254 September 12, 2016, the Board felt it best to withdraw the application and resubmit, with plans
- 255 detailing the ZBA stipulations and addressing other Board concerns including landscaping. Since
- that time, the School has refined its plans, provided additional landscaping detail, returned to the 256

- 257 ZBA to obtain approval to use the "bunkhouse" for classroom space, along with new exterior
- 258 improvements including: playground space, a shed, a greenhouse, and a basketball court.
- 259 This site plan amendment is requesting an increase of students from 120 to 150 and a staff increase
- from 10 to 20. The maximum enrollment is not expected to be reached until the 2022-23 school
- year. Classrooms will be provided in both the main building and the rear bunkhouse. Attached are
- letters from the applicant's engineer and School staff detailing the proposal.
- 263 School begins 8 8:30 and ends at 3 pm. Onsite parking will increase from 22 spaces to 55, with 26
- of these spaces gravel. The parking regulations require a range of 42-45 spaces and therefore, a
- 265 waiver to this requirement has been submitted. The gravel spaces will be located parallel to the
- main access drive (8) and along the roadway down to the bunkhouse (10). To accommodate large
- events, the "play area" located behind the main school building will be used to accommodate
- 268 additional cars. To address the concern regarding cars queuing out onto South Merrimack Road
- during the afternoon pick up time; a new traffic pattern is being proposed (presently being used). If
- vehicles que from the front door back towards the entrance, cars are directed down to the bunkhouse
- area and use the loop driveway to return to the main school building to pick up students.
- As noted, a couple new features have been added to the plan, with ZBA approval. Near the
- bunkhouse, a proposed 16 x 24 shed is shown, along with a 16 x 24 greenhouse. Across from the
- bunkhouse and adjacent to the turnaround is a proposed basketball court. In addition, a playground
- area is proposed.
- As discussed at a previous meeting, a revised landscape program has been submitted. The landscape
- 277 program involves the installation of nine 2.5 3 inch caliper maples along South Merrimack Road
- and the creation of three raised berms where 25 seven to eight foot tall white pines will be planted.
- The landscaping berm will be 18 inches to 2 feet tall. The existing crabapples located along the site's
- 280 frontage will be removed. A seasonal maintenance plan has been developed which includes
- 281 fertilizing and mowing, a drip irrigation system will be installed for the trees. A detailed irrigation
- plan has been added to the plan set. Visual depictions of the plantings, at installation and after five
- years, have been submitted. These perspectives are from South Merrimack Road and Wheat Lane.
- A supply issue has developed with the availability of maple trees of the size proposed. It appears that
- the maples will not be available until late October/November for installation. The applicant will
- provide additional detail to the Board at the meeting.
- Thirty five 3 foot tall white pines will be installed, in a staggered pattern, along the northeast
- 288 property line. The plantings will be installed along the middle half of the property line, adding
- screening to the rear yard and the school building. These trees will be planted by parents &
- 290 volunteers.
- The applicant has submitted a waiver request to allow for the installation of 55 parking spaces, where
- 45 space is the maximum allowed under the Site Plan Regulations. Eighteen of these spaces will be
- located behind the school building, situated along the access road to the bunkhouse.
- Earle Blatchford, Hayner Swanson approached the podium. He explained that currently there are 22
- approved spaces and they wish to add 7 more paved and 26 gravel spaces. The calculated number of
- spaces per number of students/staff would allow 45 as the maximum. They are requesting a new total
- of 55 parking spaces. He also added that the event parking is now only 45 spaces on the playing field
- on the east side.
- D. Cleveland made a motion to grant the waiver request for 55 permanent parking spaces instead of
- 300 45 spaces. C. Rogers seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- 301 E. Blatchford spoke to the board regarding the plans and the various stages that have been gone
- through with the ZBA. He handed over to T. Morin to discuss the landscaping.

- 303 T. Morin Morin's Landscaping stated that the plan has been updated with tree sizes and spacing as
- 304 requested. He spoke briefly about the planting and added that it has now come to their attention that
- the maple trees are not available until October. He needs to ask the board's permission to stage the
- planting over two installations due this delay in getting the maple trees. The white pines could be
- installed in late August early September as previously stated.
- D. Gagne approached the podium to discuss the landscaping. He feels the plan addresses all
- 309 concerns including the irrigation. He stated that reseeding has been mentioned but he feels that
- maybe there will not be much need for reseeding. The irrigation plan notes needs to include who is
- responsible for turning this on or off. He also feels the irrigation would be best turned on at night
- and this would benefit the well. A note may also be needed to state that with the bonding, it may be
- an idea to say that once the bonding has expired and the trees are well established that the irrigation
- 314 can be removed.
- 315 C. Hoffman opened the public hearing.
- P. Papineau, 21 South Merrimack Road had a couple of clarifications. She wanted to confirm number
- 317 9 of the conditions meant that groups of children belonging to teachers would be not be outside after
- 318 4pm. And also that condition 6 & 8 meant that picnics and agricultural events would not be outdoors
- after 4pm. M. Le Doux asked what the magic number of 4pm was and P. Papineau explained the
- 320 ZBA had imposed this restriction and it was great for the abutters as it was quiet in the evenings. M.
- Le Doux stated it was a Zoning condition and the Planning Board cannot do anything with it. If an
- 322 issue arises it becomes a Code Enforcement issue. P. Papineau also wanted condition 17 clarifying as
- 323 the ZBA had originally stipulated that the 60 DB was specifically at the property boundary but as it is
- written now on the plan it does not state property boundary. C. Hoffman stated and reread this
- 325 condition and it does state the property boundary. M. Le Doux stated that the objective was to
- 326 mitigate the issue that she was getting assuming 65 DB was a nuisance. The spirit of the school is to
- mitigate any concerns the abutters have and likewise the abutters have to recognize the school has a
- 328 right to exist within certain stipulations and good neighbor practices. P. Papineau then questioned
- 329 condition 18 with regard to the bonding. She believes this to read that all landscaping is
- implemented before any increase in student size. She assumed the school will need to wait a year
- 331 before expanding.
- 332 M. Fougere read condition 18 and added that on December 22 2016 the ZBA added a 'Findings of
- Fact' which read "the ZBA finds nothing contained within the language of condition #18 would
- preclude the applicant from exercising its right to bonding provisions as provided by statute". The
- bonding will clearly mitigate any concerns. M. Fougere also explained how the bond works over
- three years. D. Gagne added that the purpose of the bonds is a performance indicator and the money
- can be used to replace. The sum of the bond is the cost of landscaping and irrigation together. M. Le
- 338 Doux explained this as full protection against the plan.
- 339 M. Le Doux also confirmed the Highway Safety Committee had met and discussed the sign in
- condition 13. They thought it was a really good idea and it will be followed through by the Selectmen
- to initiate contact with the State Highway Department through Police and DPW to secure that sign.
- E. Blatchford asked for clarification on wish list of shed, greenhouse etc. that these items do not have
- to be implemented before increase in numbers. C. Hoffman confirmed that this was clear that these
- items were just going on the site plan now to avoid repeat visits.
- 345 Cormac Cullen, 164 Ridge Road approached the podium. He has children at the school and
- explained he is keen for children to play outside and be active. There is a lot of great outdoor space at
- this school. It sends a great message to residents. He can have his kids and their friends to his house
- to shoot hoops, and the noise comparison to a neighbor moving grass is nothing. We all need to be
- reasonable to our expectations of our neighbors and what they are doing. He added with respect to

Chris Brown, 15 Fourwinds Road Merrimack approached the podium. He has children at the school and he wanted to address the issue of sound. These kids are taught from an early age to be
courteous, respectful of other and to show grace. And they deserve every opportunity that they can get. He is surprised by the outside restrictions after 4pm. 6oDB is a very low number and it is a shame to restrict a wonderful school with beautiful kids. We should be encouraging kids to play outside.
Andrea Seden, 15 Wheeler Road approached the podium and shared her experience of whilst dealing with an upset child she was more focused on stopping the child from crying as it would upset the neighbors rather than focusing on the needs of the child. She explained that this is not right and should not have been her first thought. She says they feel handcuffed and cannot behave like a school.
C. Hoffman stated that all the conditions on this application were put on by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Planning Board has not authority to change any of them.
365 Cathy Hoffman closed the public hearing.
M. Fougere listed that he would expect the pine trees to be installed prior to opening in September, the maples will go in once ready, and the trees being installed by the volunteers will be put in overtime, signage along access road needs to be installed, all the parking to be installed, and the improvements made to access road.
370 M. Fougere listed the conditions that Landscape bonding shall be in place prior to any changes 371 occurring on the site and that the three notes raised by Doug Gagne be amended on the plans.
 M. Le Doux made a motion to approve application PB2017-009 with the conditions as listed. B. Moseley seconded. All in favor none opposed.
374 375 M. Le Doux made a non-debatable motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Rogers seconded. All in favor none opposed.
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