
Planning Board Minutes 3/29/17

Planning Board Meeting Notes for Wednesday March 29, 2017 at 8 a.m.

Open meeting and take attendance.

Open at 8:02 a.m.

Planning Board members:

Tom Sawyer

Maggie Leonard

Roger Tryon

Larry Klein

Pat Solomon

Stephen Enoch

Members of the public:

John Szablonski

Bettina Schwartz

Ira Kaplan

Gareth Backhaus/Chief of Police

Shawn Tryon

2 others

Leonard read letters from neighbors

Group letter from Bettina and neighbors

Michael Vattis and Mary Claire Hogan

Meet with Fire Chief/Head of Department of Public Works Shawn Tryon. Hume site plan review

Comments from Shawn

Stop sign at Chestnut hill to Cronk –both sides

Stop sign on Cronk to Sandisfield road

Chestnut Hill to Route 23

Steep grade and potentially hazardous travel

Will continue to be closed in winter

Option would be to install switchbacks in the road- very expensive

Chestnut hill to Sandisfield

Expensive

Steep hill

Potential flooding at low point

Cronk Rd. to Sandisfield (Town Hill Rd.)

Sandisfield section has not been maintained for more than 20+ years.

Would require cooperation from Sandisfield

Speed Bumps

Causes noise and other problems

Are they legal in Massachusetts?

DOT Recommendations

25 mph is the legal speed limit. 15MPH is advisory not enforceable (yellow sign).

Stop signs

Will cause ruts at the stops and will require blacktop and maintenance.

Right of way

On Cronk Rd. town owns about 50' at the blind curve.

Roger Tryon cited the narrowness of Cronk Rd. at the blind curve/one lane width and stated that the town has a 50' right of way (ROW).

Whose property is in the ROW?

Shawn Tyron stated that at the narrowest point Cronk Rd. is 16' wide because there is a stone wall in the ROW.

Shawn Tryon reported that there is about 8' to expand the blind curve to improve the sight line a bit.

Cronk road needs to be surveyed

Has always been a safety issue

Limit size of vehicles and don't allow large trucks to use the road?

Not practical

Enforcing the speed limit and comments from Police Chief Gareth Backhaus.

Patrols go to the area regularly

Not a lot of traffic is observed

Recommend the Radar Trailer

Will record the number of cars and how fast they are going
Can do an informal traffic study

Short term recommendations from Highway and Police.

Signage

Mirror

Long term solution

Survey the road

Widen road

Make the road 2 way with a hard surface

Two driveways that are the issue

There are planted trees in the right of way that are blocking the road and the sight line from the driveway.

John Szablonski

Hume supports traffic control

Traffic is low in the area

Contentends that more campers will not mean more truck traffic on Cronk Rd.

Sysco truck comes once a week

Pepsi truck comes once a week

Garbage once a week

Attendance to the camp is a mix of buses, school buses and cars and vans

Speeding drivers are just as likely to be residents of the road as visitors to the camp.

Hume communicates to attendees the dangers of the road.

Maggie

At times Hume would be the most populated area in Monterey if they achieve their goal with a capacity 500 people.

Ken

Need to have cost numbers to make a good decision

Shawn and Ken meeting with DOT on Friday.

Action Items

Gareth and Shawn will do a traffic study as soon as the snow is gone.

Stop signs will be put in at the end of Cronk at Sandisfield and at Cronk to Chestnut Hill Road.

Plan Bd discussion about site plan review time line.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 a.m.

Resepctfully Submitted,

Tom Sawyer

Maggie Leonard