

NCC Minutes 8/16/21

Open meeting: 7:09 p.m.

Present: C. Griffith, C. Aldrich, F. Hayden, D. Mason, J. Couture, L. Hill
Guests- Lynn and Mark Girard

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes 6/21/21: C. Griffith motions to accept, F. Hayden seconds, all in favor YES
- b) Treasurer's report 6/21/21: C. Griffith motions to accept, F. Hayden seconds, all in favor YES

2) Old Business:

- a) Proposed change to the access road on the Girard property
 - Lynn Girard- Negotiations with SELT fell through because SELT refused to give them 24 hrs. notice to access. There are 2 easements through their property, one with SELT and one with the town of Newfields which is why they need our approval. They would like to change the path of the right of way, as well as reducing it from 50 ft. to 25 ft. to make it safer as well as allow the potential for building another structure for their children. The only viable test pit is in the path of the original right of way. Their surveyor is saying that the new proposed route is better for the wetlands and fewer trees would have to be taken down. SELT is on board with the change.
 - J. Couture- the easement would need to be rewritten which would actually need the approval of the State Attorney General.
 - F. Hayden- The easement was written to allow for a potential development of the back lot. (1 house)
 - L. Girard – They want to move the access as far away from the house as possible for safety.
 - J. Couture asked what their lawyer is saying about the process and stated that our town counsel will have to review the proposal.
 - D. Mason added that the 50 ft. was required for potential development.
 - J. Couture asked what the process is for amending an easement. Do they have to claim hardship?
 - C. Griffith- We are on board as long as it assures the town's access and it is required to have a permeable surface.
 - L. Girard reiterated that SELT has approved the plan and that it is wide enough to accommodate an 18 wheeler. They have provided for everything required but they have not had the plans stamped waiting for our input.
 - J. Couture asked what the timeline is.
 - L. Girard- the state has approved the cut from rte. 87 and they have done that.
 - J. Couture requested a site walk.
 - F. Hayden stated that the plans need an engineer's stamp before we can approve.
 - We concluded that we would like to talk to the engineer and do a site walk before making a decision.

Adjourn 8:25 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill, 8/16/21

