

MINUTES
TOWN OF GORHAM PLANNING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
September 11, 2023

PRESENT: Chairman Harvey Mrs. Rasmussen
 Mr. Farmer Mr. Hoover
 Mr. Kestler Mr. Perry

EXCUSED: Mrs. Harris

Chairman Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Scenic Ridge Rise: Planning Board comments on the Draft Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Douglas Eldred, Developer was present.

Chairman Harvey presented a draft of comments that he came up with on the draft FEIS. This will be kept with the file.

The board reviewed the draft. Mr. Farmer stated that the farmer to the south of this property uses a high voltage fence for his cattle. He wondered if signs could be put up warning of the high voltage fence. He also wondered if in the HOA there could be something mention that BB guns, bow and arrows, cross bows, etc. are not allowed. This was discussed and it was suggested that no firearms are allowed on the common areas and be put in the HOA. Everyone will be notified when they buy a parcel in the project that we are a right to farm town and they are buying within 500 feet of an agricultural property.

Preserving the forest area and the ridgeline was discussed. They are concerned with the amount of trees that may be lost with the grading and creation of the swale. One option is to investigate getting an easement to the east to allow creation of the proposed interceptor swale to the east of the woodland. Option two is to lose those houses at the top of the hill. Another option is to do the work in that area very early and get some plantings planted to replace the ones removed as soon as possible. Chairman Harvey stated that he cant speak for the whole board but because the County is in such a housing crises he may be willing to except this as mitigation.

Jim Morse, Code Enforcement Officer stated that in talking with Kevin Olvaney and others they do not want that whole hillside area opened up at once.

Chairman Harvey stated that they will need to establish the temporary stormwater management facility before they can open up that diversion.

Mr. Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04PM.
Mr. Farmer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Thomas P. Harvey, Chairman

Sue Yarger, Secretary