

**PLANNING BOARD  
NOVEMBER 7, 2013  
MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Parent called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Members present: Parent, Perkins, Svarczkopf, and Wilson

Members absent: Giger, Barringer, and Burke

Others present: DPW Director & Tree Warden Tom Delaney

**PUBLIC HEARING – SCENIC ROADS, 389 LONGLEY ROAD**

In accordance with the provisions of § 184-3 of the Code of the Town of Groton, the Planning Board and Tree Warden held a public hearing on November 7, 2013 to consider the application submitted by Scott McCulley to remove two pine trees in the right-of-way at 389 Longley Road along the frontage of Assessors Map 226, Parcel 29.

Vice Chairman Parent called the public hearing to order. Member Svarczkopf read the legal notice published in the October 25 and November 1, 2013 issues of the *Groton Herald*. Homeowner Scott McCulley and Tree Warden Tom Delaney were present.

Mr. McCulley said he would like to remove two large white pine trees in the front of his yard to create a lawn. Tree Warden Tom Delaney said he did not have any problems with the tree removal provided that the work is done by a qualified contractor.

Member Svarczkopf asked if the smaller trees would remain. Mr. McCulley said he did not know because most of the other trees are saplings with a caliper of 1-4 inches. Member Svarczkopf said these trees are significant to the landscape and should remain.

Member Perkins said single pine trees fall if they stand alone rather than in a grove. Mr. Delaney agreed and said especially with the sandy soil in this area.

The motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Perkins, to grant the permit to remove the trees at 389 Longley Road. The motion passed with Tree Warden Tom Delaney and Planning Board members Parent, Perkins and Wilson in favor; and Planning Board member Svarczkopf opposed.

**SITE PLAN REVIEW – PARK COMMISSION, CUTLER FIELD**

The Board continued its review of the Level I Site Plan submitted by the Park Commission to create new parking spaces at Cutler Field, located off Townsend Road in West Groton. Park Commissioner Jon Strauss and DPW Director Tom Delaney were present.

Mr. Delaney submitted a revised site plan for the Board's consideration. He said the work to be done includes cleaning up what already exists, removing trees to improve visibility, signage for emergency vehicle access, new parking lot, new the basketball court with three universally accessible spaces. The parking area will be cleaned and graded. The surface will be crushed concrete like the parking lot adjacent to Town Hall on Station Avenue.

Member Perkins asked about the dimension of the accessible parking spaces. Mr. Delaney said the three spaces will meet the Architectural Access Board requirements. Mr. Strauss said the parking lot will have a total of 53 parking spaces.

Member Svarczkopf asked how the slopes will be graded and stabilized after the large trees are removed. Mr. Delaney said he would grade the area, which is made of good gravel, so the area for parking would be flat. Member Svarczkopf asked if the stumps would be removed. Mr. Delaney said, "yes."

Member Perkins asked if the monument would be relocated as shown on the previous site plan. Mr. Strauss said, after talking with Mr. Delaney, the Park Commissioners decided not to move the monument.

The Board received a letter November 4, 2013 from Fran Stanley, on behalf of the Park Commission, requesting a waiver of Section 218-23C(3) requiring two access points for parking lots with more than ten (1) parking spaces.

The motion was made by Perkins, seconded by Wilson, to waive the requirement in Section 218-23C(3) for two access points for parking lots with more than ten (10) spaces.

And to approve the site plan entitled, "Cutler Field, Level I Site Plan," dated November 7, 2013, with the following conditions:

1. The existing monument will not be relocated.
2. The parking lot surface will be hard packed, recycled concrete.
3. Three universally accessible parking spaces shall be provided as shown on the plan and as required in the Architectural Access Board Regulations, 521 CMR, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
4. The applicant shall come back to the Planning Board if there are any changes to the site plan, parking, access or lighting as required in Section 218-25 Site Plan Review.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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