Minutes: Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30 PM Emergency Operations Center

Members in attendance: E. Couture, E. Nunes, J. D'Angelo

Visitors: J. Schroeder, R. Pleines

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm
- 2. J. Schroeder provided more information regarding the existing conditions on Chestnut Hill. All three selectman also spoke to the conditions on the street.
 - a. J. D'Angelo made a motion to approve a road cut for underground utilities. E. Nunes seconded the motion.

Discussion followed about why a road cut would not be done, other possibilities, and insurance measures in the event of unsatisfactory work. Discussion also included the scenic nature of the road and of the impact new power lines would have.

E. Couture motioned to amend the motion to read "Approve the road cut or underground boring per feasibility of the latter option." E. Nunes seconded the amendment.

The amendment passed unanimously.

The vote on the amended motion was as follows: J. D'Angelo and E. Nunes in the affirmative, E. Couture opposed. Motion carried 2 to 1.

b. E. Couture made a motion to approve the circular driveway as shown on the site plan, and allow the cutting of a tree as necessary. E. Nunes seconded.

Discussion followed, particularly around the site plan and the conditions of the trees. It was noted that driveway access is driven by the need for Emergency Services access, and one entry point is already sufficient. It was also suggested that a replacement tree be planted.

The motion carried unanimously.

c. E. Couture made a motion to approve a cobblestone apron for the driveway. E. Nunes seconded.

Discussion centered around the purpose of the cobblestone apron and alternatives

including setting the cobblestone in concrete or asphalt, or set back from the road with an asphalt apron to protect from water damage.

The vote on the motion was as follows: E. Nunes and J. D'Angelo voted in the affirmative, E. Couture opposed. Motion carried 2 to 1.

3. The board adjourned to the joint meeting with the Board of Finance at 6:58 pm.