

Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2021
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**PLANNING BOARD
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
June 15, 2021**

DATE: June 15, 2021 **TYPE:** Site Walk - Public Hearing **APPROVED:** 7/6/2021
TIME: 6:00 pm
CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm
ROLL CALL MEMBERS: Jonah Ketola, Sam Bouchie, Holly Koski, Katelyn Smith, Julie Sementa, Kim McCummings
ROLL CALL ALTERNATES: Joel Aho
ABSENT: Bob Hamilton, Robert Chamberlain
EX OFFICIO:
PLANNING DIRECTOR: Kirk Stenersen
APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES:
OTHERS PRESENT: Joel Kaplan; Judy Unger-Clark; Craig Clark; David Drouin; Richard Mellor; Deni Dickler

Call to order

Roll call by Chairperson

Appointment of alternates

None as an alternate cannot be seated for the ex officio.

- 1. SITE WALK FOR** an application for a Major Subdivision submitted by Higher Design, PLLC, on behalf of Kings Way, LLC, 29 Diane's Way, Rindge, NH 03461 for property located on NH Route 119, Tax Map 6 Lot 73 in the Residential-Agricultural and Gateway East Zoning Districts. The applicant is seeking approval for a 20-lot subdivision.

Planning Director Kirk Stenersen recused himself as the Planning Director as he is the consulting engineer for this application.

Kirk Stenersen of Higher Design, PLLC gave a brief overview of the project. The site walk began at the location of the intersection of the proposed roadway and N.H. Route 119. The goal was to follow the approximate roadway location to where the saplings and undergrowth became really thick and then to follow the pathways made by the excavator when completing the test pits.

There was an inquiry as to vernal pools on the property. Kirk Stenersen pointed out that the wetlands were flagged in June of 2020 and the wetland scientist came back in May of 2021 for a vernal pool study as they are supposed to be completed in the spring. There were no vernal pools found on the property.

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The Conservation Commission inquired as to whether the wildlife study had come in. Kirk Stenersen responded that it had but he has not had a chance to review it but, as soon as he does, he would forward it onto David Drouin and the Conservation Commission.

Kirk Stenersen pointed out the locations of test pits along the way so as to orientate everyone to where they were on the property in relation to the roadway location. The Conservation Commission inquired as to the location of the stormwater structures in relation to the wetlands. Kirk Stenersen pointed out the test pit locations for the stormwater structure of concern.

There were inquiries on some areas that had ponded water within the skidder tracks. Kirk Stenersen pointed out that they were not delineated as jurisdictional wetlands. Jonah Ketola pointed out that it had rained in the last couple of days and the water had already receded substantially. The site walk continued over the hill toward the wetland crossing. There were additional questions on an area that had standing water along a skidder trail just prior to the wetland crossing. There was concern of it being a wetland and vernal pool. Kirk Stenersen said it was not flagged as jurisdictional wetlands but he would follow up with the wetland scientist on the area in question.

The site walk continued to the wetland crossing and the area for the proposed open box culvert. Kirk Stenersen pointed out the stormwater structure areas on either side of the brook. The site walk then continued following an old pathway to the approximate location of the cul-de-sac which Kirk Stenersen pointed out.

The site walk continued along an old dirt pathway to Shady Lane / Letourneau Lane and then along N.H. Route 119 to the old gas station.

MOTION: Julie Sementa moved to continue the public hearing to the next Planning Board meeting at the Town Office on July 6th, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Sam Bouchie seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0

Site Walk Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Planning Office Staff