

Mason Planning Board

November 2, 2019

Approved

Attending

Scott MacGarvey (Chair), Dotsie Millbrandt (Vice Chair), Cassie Mullen (NRPC), Lee Siegmann, Dane Rota, Charlie Moser (Ex-O), Kate Batcheller (Alt)

Absent

Kerrie Baldi (Alt)

Call to Order

11:06 am

Special Meeting - Site Walk for Hearing MAS 19-06

Location: Batchelder Rd and Nutting Hill Rd

MAS 19-06 Heidi Jones, 130 Nutting Hill Rd, Mason NH. Subdivide Tax Map A-22-1 (15.001 acres) into 3 lots A-22-1 (5.000 acres), Lot A-22-2 (5.001 acres), Lot A-22-12 (5.000 acres).

Abutters present:

Ryan and Cassandra Vaillancourt, 88 Batchelder Rd

Chris Leask and Lin Haynes, 103 Batchelder Rd

Other attendees with standing:

Liz Fletcher - Conservation Commission

Voting members: Scott MacGarvey, Dotsie Millbrandt, Dane Rota, Charlie Moser, Lee Siegmann.

Randy Haight of Meridian Land Services described the terrain and led a walk. Lee Siegmann. On lot A-22-12, the board viewed the very steep outcropping, dense woodlands, a fairly level

area designated for the septic system. The board viewed the drainage ditches along Batchelder Rd that overflow during heavy rains. The board viewed lot A-22-11 from Nutting Hill Rd, noting the driveway and proposed septic locations.

Discussion:

The lot with the driveway access on Batchelder Rd is problematic. There is a very steep slope on the property, a couple of hundred feet from the road. Runoff flows down hill to the Vaillancourt property. There is excessive runoff every spring and whenever there are heavy rains. The Vaillancourts expect it would be worse if trees are cleared for a driveway, house and septic system.

Lee asked, if a development creates extra runoff that flows onto town roads, whose responsibility is this to fix it? Can the developer be assessed fees?

Dotsie asked, should the board prohibit any additional driveways on Batchelder Rd?

Charlie noted that the board could require an engineer-reviewed drainage and catch basin plan for the house, driveway and septic area before any building could begin.

No decisions were made during this site walk meeting.

Other Business

None

Adjourn

Dotsie made a motion to adjourn. Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.