

Public Hearing Minutes
Monday, August 1, 2016 at the Rockland Town Hall
Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 6:30 p.m.
Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The Clerk, Treasurer, Chairman Cashman, and Supervisor Van Vonderen were present. Supervisor Lasee was absent. Bob Gerbers, Zoning Administrator, and John Brittnacher, Greenleaf Volunteer Fire Department were also in attendance. Clerk Charette verified that the meeting was properly noticed and published. Chairman Cashman read the agenda.

Open the record

M/M by Chairman Cashman to open the record at 6:30 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen.
Motion carried 2-0.

Consider Ordinance #2016-04, which creates and enacts Sec. 08-03.00, Driveway Ordinance, Rockland Code of Ordinances

Chairman Cashman stated that this ordinance has been worked on by the Planning Commission for many months. The ordinance requires new driveways longer than 300 feet to have a turn around to allow for adequate access by emergency vehicles. The ordinance requires the driveway to be 12 feet wide with a cleared path of 22 feet. Non-residential driveways are required to be 40 feet wide.

Supervisor Van Vonderen stated that the Planning Commission has been working on this ordinance with the Morrison Volunteer and Greenleaf Volunteer Fire Departments over the past few months. This ordinance will primarily impact new driveways.

Planning Commission recommendation

Supervisor Van Vonderen stated, that at its June 16, 2016, meeting, the Planning Commission recommended that the Town Board approve the Driveway Ordinance contingent upon a final review by the Greenleaf Volunteer Fire Department and the Morrison Volunteer Fire Department. Supervisor Van Vonderen also noted that this ordinance is meant to address new driveways and that the Town intends to use educational materials to inform the public as to what is required for existing driveways longer than 300 feet.

Zoning Administrator recommendation

Bob Gerbers recommended that the following amendments be made to the ordinance:

- 1) Under 08-03.03(a) Permit Required, add the following language as item 4. "Replacing existing driveway culverts in the Town right of way";
- 2) Under 08-03.03 (e), Building Permits, bullet point 2, delete the following language "during construction of the building"
- 3) Under 08-03.03(e), Building Permits, bullet point 3, add the following sentence: "Construction activities shall not cause damage to the existing roadway, shouldering or ditches";
- 4) Under 08-03.04 (c) 1. Width of Drive, amend "twenty" to "twelve" to reflect consistency;
- 5) Under 08-03.04 (d) 1. General, Add the following language "round or elliptical" after metal pipe or concrete;
- 6) Under 08-03.04(d) 2. Length and Diameter, delete "of the Town right of way," after minimize risk of flooding.

Public input

John Brittnacher, Greenleaf Fire Department, stated the final draft is fine. Clerk Charette stated the draft of the final ordinance and notice of public hearing was provided to both of the volunteer fire departments for final comment. No comments were received by either of them.

Close the record

M/M by Chairman Cashman to close the record; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn at 6:54; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried 2-0. Hearing adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

All minutes have been taken truthfully and honestly and to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Jann Charette
Town Clerk

Minutes approved as written / with corrections (**strike one**) by the Town Board on Monday, August 15, 2016.

Dennis J. Cashman
Town Chairman