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DECISION
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Scenic Road Hearing

Relocation of Stone Wall and Public Shade Trees on Taylor Road

September 21, 2021

GRANTED

Decision of the Acton Planning Board on the Town of Acton's proposal to relocate existing stone walls, remove public shade trees, and regrade the road shoulder along Taylor Road. The public shade trees being removed consist of a 16-inch DBH Oak, a 34-inch DBH Oak, and a 12-inch DBH Oak. The work is in connection with proposed construction of a sidewalk along Taylor Road from Minot Ave to Barker Road. Taylor Road is a scenic road under Chapter J of the Town of Acton Bylaws. A public hearing was duly advertised for September 21, 2021. Board members Mr. Ray Yacoub (Chair), Mr. Derrick Chin, Mr. Sam Bajwa, and Mr. Nathan Cookson were present throughout the hearing. QinRui Pang, of the Town Engineering Department represented the Town. Ryan Hunt, Town of Acton Tree Warden also attended. The hearing minutes and documentation on the subject matter may be viewed in the Planning Department or the Town Clerk's office at the Acton Town Hall.

1 EXHIBITS

Submitted for the Board's deliberation were the following exhibits:

1.1 Items and documentation required by the Rules consisting of:

- Letter from QinRui Pang, Town Engineer, dated June 30, 2021.
- Sidewalk Development plan (one sheet), Acton Engineering Department, June 2021

- Sidewalk Development Notice of Intent plan (one sheet), Acton Engineering Department, May 2020.

1.2 Interdepartmental communication received from:

- Fire Department, dated July 9, 2021;
- Health Department, dated July 6, 2021;

Exhibit 1.1 is referred to herein as the Plan.

2 FINDINGS and CONCLUSIONS

After review of the exhibits and the hearing of the matter the Board finds and concludes that:

- 2.1 A sidewalk is a necessary public safety improvement on Taylor Road.
- 2.2 The topography at the subject location requires the proposed wall relocation and tree removal in order to properly install the sidewalk.
- 2.3 The proposed work does not derogate from the purpose of Taylor Road's designation as a scenic road.

3 PLANNING BOARD ACTION

The Board consents to the relocation of the stone wall and tree removal as proposed.

Signed on behalf of the Acton Planning Board



Kristen Guichard, Planning Director and
Zoning Enforcement Officer
for the Town of Acton Planning Board

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