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**TOWN OF SUTTON**  
**Planning Board**  
Pillsbury Memorial Hall  
Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2013

**Present:** Planning Board Members: Dan Sundquist, Chair; Carrie Thomas; Julie McCarthy; and Peter Blakeman (Dave Burnham, Bob DeFelice, members, and Roger Wells, alternate, were absent); and Laurie Hayward, Land Use Coordinator. Also at the meeting was David Crane, arborist for PSNH. There were no members of the public in attendance.

**The meeting was called to order** at 7:40 PM, after Peter Blakeman arrived and there was a quorum, **it was moved by Dan Sundquist, seconded by Carrie Thomas and unanimously voted to open the public hearing.**

**Public Hearing, Continuance of Case 2013-01: The motion was made to continue the hearing on the PSNH request to cut trees on scenic roads.** Dan Sundquist, the Chair, asked if there was any correspondence. Laurie Hayward, the Land Use Coordinator (LUC) explained that a letter had been received from Jane Williamson, who was at the first meeting. The LUC read the letter which expressed concern about one tree on the list of trees to be removed, a poplar that she felt was healthy. She also explained that she had forwarded the letter via scan to David Crane, arborist for PSNH, and he contacted Jane and explained that the poplar in question had a fungal infection and its removal will not likely have much visual impact. The LUC stated that Jane Williamson had subsequently contacted the Land Use Office to let the Board know that she had no further issues with the removal of the poplar in question.

Mr. Crane also noted that he did drive the roads again today. He found a hemlock on Stevens Brook that is dead. He says there are 10 ½ miles of Road that have lines. He is hoping to get some latitude to cut where they find problems. He did mention that he took the two large pines on Keyser St off the list. Dan spoke and suggested that if PSNH does want to remove these trees down the road, it should be done in the summer with the home owner in residence so that he can give his input. David noted that if they do not take those trees this year, they will likely need to go in four years. He did state that he could make himself available to speak with the homeowner if that seemed useful. Dan, Peter, and Carrie each stated that they had looked at some of the flagged trees and felt that they seemed well chosen and appropriate for removal. As there was no one in attendance from the public, there was no additional input. The Board took up the discussion of the PSNH request and Peter and David Crane held a brief discussion regarding trees located around Chalk Pond.

**Peter moved that the Board approve the tree cutting along scenic road with the stipulation that the two trees on Keyser Street would require an additional request of the Planning Board before being cut. The Chair moved that the public hearing be closed and that the Board take up discussion; it was seconded, voted and unanimously approved with the condition discussed.**

Peter Blakeman had to leave the meeting immediately after the public hearing and vote. At that point, there was no longer a quorum.

**Previous minutes:** as there was not a quorum, previous minutes were not taken up.

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**Other Business:** Dan handed out the wording on an advertisement to be run in the InterTown Record asking for anyone interested in being on the Planning Board to write a letter of interest and send it to the Sutton Board of Selectmen. Dan noted that he would move from Chairman to Ex-Officio, as he was elected to the Board of Selectmen; and, adding current/returning members Carrie Thomas, Peter Blakeman, Julie McCarthy, David Burnham and Bob DeFelice, the Board has 6 of the 7 members it should have. He told the Board that they are looking for one member and one alternate, assuming that Roger Wells plans to continue as an alternate.

There was a brief discussion about the recent problems getting enough members to attend so that they would have a quorum. The LUC stated that the first April meeting would include three public hearings and, therefore, it would be especially important that everyone attend. She also noted that going forward, in the interest of completing the work on the Site Review and Subdivision Regulations, she would only schedule public hearings for the first monthly meeting. Then the Board could use the second meeting of the month to work on the Regulations.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8: 30 PM.**

**Next meeting is to be held Tuesday April 9, 2013 at 7PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Hayward  
Land Use Coordinator