

MEMBERS:

Sue Hilton, Chairman
Chris Baldwin
Pat Murphy
Jody Binnix
Matt Chaffer (absent)
Kim Boyd (absent)

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES:

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes, second by Ms. Hilton. All present members voted “aye” to approve.

The Conservation members reviewed the following Planning Board applications.

GLN FARMINGTON REALTY:

The section of the subdivision project that was proposed for apartments will now to be used as office space and light industrial space. This will need to be presented to the Farmington Zoning Board as variances will be needed. The setback for Rte 96 will need to be reduced from a 100 ft requirement to a 50 foot requirement.

The Conservation members commented that since there are currently so many trees on the property that an effort is made to keep the trees where feasible.

PHEASANT CROSSING SUBDIVISION:

Pheasant Crossing Subdivision located on Mertensia Road. There is a 12 acre lot where they are proposing to subdivide. They will need to obtain a variance from 175 feet to 125 foot road frontage.

The Conservation members question how much usable space is on these lots, topography and flood plain?

PLANNING TOWN BOARD MORATORIUM:

The Farmington Town Board has placed a 6 month moratorium on solar farms. The Town Board members will review what they have learned and possible changes that will be need to be made.

DRUMLIN WALKING TRAIL:

The Town of Farmington owns land that surrounds portions of all four sections of Hickory Rise Subdivision. This is a designated Town Conservation Area and will have a walking nature trail. This will not be a Town Park.

The town has asked the Conservation members to create an interpretative signage to identify the two drumlins that are located within this subdivision.

The Conservation members prepared the following verbiage for the signs.

WHAT IS A DRUMLIN?

A drumlin is a large, tear drop shaped hill on a valley floor. Drumlins consist of a mixture of unsorted rocks, boulders, and sediments. The steep slope faces up the valley and the gentle slope faces down the valley.

HOW WERE DRUMLINS CREATED?

Drumlins were deposited beneath a glacier as it melted. The glacier was still moving and sculpted them into the tear drop shape that we see today.

A picture of a drumlin should be added to the sign.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM., seconded by Ms. Hilton.

The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2020 at 7:00PM.

Mary Richter, Clerk of the Board recorded the minutes.