

COÖS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

June 17, 2020

The regular meeting was opened at 6:04 pm. The Chairman John Scarinza read the following statement:

As Chair of the Coös County Planning Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Coös County Planning Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 and meeting ID # 87601862517 or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.us/join

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the Coös County Planning Board at: www.cooscountynh.us

If anybody has a problem, please call 802-785-9858

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law. The following were present:

Present from the Board: John Scarinza – Chair; Jennifer Fish – Clerk; Rep. Troy Merner, Scott Rineer – Vice Chair, Ed Mellet, Mike Waddell, Tom McCue, and Mark Frank.

Also in Attendance: Tara Bamford, Planning Consultant; Earl Duval, Duval, Klasnick & Thompson LLC; Wayne Presby, Mount Washington Railway Company; James Detzel, U.S. Forest Service ; and a member of the press and the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Scarinza appointed alternate Mark Frank to sit in for Tom Brady and Tom McCue for Rick Tillotson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Rineer made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2020 as distributed. Tom McCue seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call as follows:

Troy Merner-Yes	Scott Rineer-Yes	Jennifer Fish-Yes	Ed Mellet-Yes
Mark Frank-Abstain	Tom McCue-Yes	John Scarinza-Yes	Mike Waddell-Abstain

The motion passed. 6-2(Abstentions)

NEW BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 that the Coös County Planning Board will meet on June 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to review the application submitted by the United States of America and the Mt. Washington Railway Company for a minor lot line adjustment regarding lands at 3168 Base Station Rd., Tax Map 1605 Lots 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 in Thompson and Meserve Purchase, Chandler Purchase and Sargent's Purchase.

Mr. James Detzel, U.S. Forest Service, gave a brief summary of the reason for the lot line adjustment. It is to correct long standing ownership issues between the United States and the Mt. Washington Railway Company. The United States and the Railway are pursuing an equal area land exchange to resolve all boundary issues. There will be no new lots created.

Tara Bamford worked with the applicant and found that the application was complete.

A motion was made by Tom McCue to accept the application as complete. Troy Merner seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The roll call was as follows:

Troy Merner-Yes	Scott Rineer-Yes	Jennifer Fish-Yes	Ed Mellet-Yes
Mark Frank-Yes	Tom McCue-Yes	John Scarinza-Yes	Mike Waddell-Yes

The motion passed 8-0.

There was a brief discussion by the board on the application. A motion was made by Ed Mellet to approve the lot-line adjustment application as presented. Tom McCue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The roll call was as follows:

Troy Merner-Yes	Scott Rineer-Yes	Jennifer Fish-Yes	Ed Mellet-Yes
Mark Frank-Yes	Tom McCue-Yes	John Scarinza-Yes	Mike Waddell-Yes

The motion passed 8-0

OLD BUSINESS

a. Balsam's Application Status: T. Bamford

Les Otten gave the members a brief update on the status of the Balsams. Mr. Otten stated that he still committed to the project and was very close at the end of December and January getting the financing package together. Mr. Otten explained that when COVID-19 pandemic started that those investors withdrew their interest. Mr. Otten explained that Douglas Foy, former executive director of the Conservation Law Foundation, contacted him about the Balsams to assist with a new approach by looking at the impact investor.

They will look at the environmental benefits of the project. Mr. Otten stated that he is encouraged by taking this new approach. He thanked the board for allowing him to provide an update.

RATIFICATION OF ZONING PERMITS

Leon Rideout made a motion to ratify the following zoning permit and Troy Merner seconded the motion.

503 David Marois & Lynda Roberts

Success

Enclose front deck

There was no discussion. The roll call is as follows:

Troy Merner-Yes	Scott Rineer-Yes	Jennifer Fish-Yes	Ed Mellet-Yes
Leon Rideout-Yes	Tom McCue-Abstain	John Scarinza-Yes	

The motion was approved 6-1 (Abstained)

OTHER BUSINESS

None

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tom McCue seconded by Ed Mellet to adjourn at 6:51 pm. The roll call is as follows:

Troy Merner-Yes	Scott Rineer-Yes	Jennifer Fish-Yes	Ed Mellet-Yes
Leon Rideout-Yes	Tom McCue-Yes	John Scarinza-Yes	

All approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Fish, Clerk