



Planning Board

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DECISION

09-06

Scenic Road Hearing

Relocation of Stone Wall 81 Taylor Road

August 4, 2009

Decision of the Acton Planning Board on the Town of Acton's proposal to relocate a stone wall at 81 Taylor Road, a distance of +/-40 feet. The Town cites safety and maintenance problems related to the present location of the stone wall. Taylor Road is a scenic road under Chapter J of the Town of Acton Bylaws. A public hearing was duly advertised for August 4, 2009. Board members Gregory E. Niemyski (Chairman), Ryan J. Bettez, Roland A. Bourdon, III, Jeff Clymer, Ruth M. Martin, Bruce Reichlen, Ray S. Yacouby, and associate members Leigh Davis-Honn and Margaret Woolley-Busse attended. Corey S. York, of the Town Engineering Department represented the Town. 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 Legal notice.
- 1.2 Letter from Mr. Stamski, Town Engineer, dated June 30, 2009.
- 1.3 A construction plan (one sheet), Acton Engineering Department, October 31, 2008.

2 FINDINGS and CONCLUSIONS

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

- 2.1 The stone wall in its present location immediately adjacent to the street's pavement at the inside of a sharp turn of Taylor Road causes significant safety problems. Taylor Road is a narrow street. The stone wall is loose and on occasion stones have rolled into the street as a result of snow plow activity or for other reasons.
- 2.2 The construction plans indicate the replacement of the stone wall in the street layout +/-15 feet back from the pavement edge.
- 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 stone wall relocation as proposed.

Signed on behalf of the Acton Planning Board
Roland Bartl, AICP, Planning Director

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Historical Commission
Town Clerk
Town Manager

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