

FINAL August 15, 2009

Town of Epsom Planning Board

**In Attendance:** Dan McGuire, Chairman; Phil Demeritt, Vice Chairman; Jay Hickey, Betsy Bosiak, Alternate; Keith Cota, Selectman's Representative

**Also in Attendance:** Rhonda & Harold Estabrook; Dorothy & Bill Dodge; Cheryl Hill

**9:07 AM Site Walk on Lake View Road** [minutes recorded by Dan McGuire]

Noted washed out entrance to Lake View Road from Chestnut Pond Road. Residents say it will be filled soon.

Phil explains that about 12' of vertical clearance is needed for a fire truck. About 12' wide clearance is present near #26. 14' is preferable. Suggest that ditches be moved back (to the west).

Note vehicles stored on the side of the road, which may impede access in emergencies. Association rules should prohibit such storage where clearance is affected.

The road is only 9' wide at pole 384-6, near #46. This is too narrow for a fire truck and needs to be widened.

A hammerhead turnaround near #52 would help emergency vehicles avoid backing out.

The very end past #52 is too narrow even for an ambulance. A question was raised as to how far the road goes? The last piece is very steep. It was upgraded recently by the association, but is treated more like a driveway.

Keith suggests the association maintenance rules should have minimum criteria for access width, height, drainage and turnaround. Planning board approval could be made conditional on the addition of those items. The town doesn't want to make this a class 5 road and take it over in its current condition.

We will continue this discussion on August 26. Keith will make some sketches for turnarounds.

Residents are to be commended for their tremendous progress in improving Lake View Road. It is in much better condition than ever.

Residents would like a culvert across Lake View Road at Chestnut Pond Road to help with washouts. Keith says this is the responsibility of the association. They just need to work with the road agent when they install it.

Residents were concerned with the condition of Buppa Hill Road and the way it drains onto Chestnut Pond Road.

Adjourned at 10:10am.