

**MINUTES**  
**CORNISH PLANNING BOARD**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

The Cornish Planning Board met on Thursday, September 1, 2016. Members present were Gwyn Gallagher, Acting Chair, and Mary Mancuso; Scott Baker, Selectman; and Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary.

Approval of Minutes: 8/4/2016

Gwyn Gallagher made a motion to move the minutes as presented. Mary Mancuso seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative.

Report - NH DOT Informational Meeting re: Proposed Saint Gaudens Road Work

Heidi Jaarsma gave a report of the NH DOT informational meeting. NH DOT has received a grant from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) of about \$510,000. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$585,000. The plan includes removing and reconstructing the paved surface, installation of an underdrain, replacement of 3 culverts and headwall reconstruction. The existing road width of 16-18 feet with 2-5' ditches will not be increased. Fourteen trees have been marked for removal. Most are 'damaged beyond viability'. Others will have their root systems too damaged by the work. Guard rails will be the metal 'Nu-Guard' rails, the existing post and cable cannot be replaced in kind. The new guard rails will be pre-rusted. Since the meeting NH DOT has established that the portion Saint Gaudens Road from NH Route 12A to the Visitors' Center drive has been a Class II Road since 1937. Heidi Jaarsma circulated the 1972 warrant article and corresponding minutes which designated Saint Gaudens Road a scenic road from the end of the Class II portion to the junction with Hell Hollow Road.

Master Plan Update

The Board discussed a paper survey as an option, possibly in coordination with, or in place of, an online component.

Upcoming Agenda: Scenic Road Hearing, Paget Road

The NH Electric Co-op, Inc., has applied for a Scenic Road Hearing on Paget Road for proposed tree cutting to be done in conjunction with a utility pole relocation. The hearing will be noticed for September 15, 2016. Proposed removals are marked with red and white flagging.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi M. Jaarsma