

Exeter Planning Board Site Walk

January 9, 2018

On Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 at 9:00 A.M., the Exeter Planning Board conducted a site walk to review the site plan and Conditional Use Permit applications for Planning Board Case #17-29 at 24 Continental Drive. Tax Map Parcel #56-3.1.

Members in attendance included Gwen English, Katherine Woolhouse, Aaron Brown, Kathy Corson, and John Grueter. The applicant's representatives Jim Petropulos and Brendan Quigley lead the walk, and Kristen Murphy attended in the absence of Town Planner Dave Sharples.

The group met at cul-de-sac at the end of Continental Drive and walked the property along a the existing paved road extension of Continental Drive and then followed a snowshoe path along the woods road to the southern building corners and then followed the western (back) side of the proposed building alignment to the northern corners, returning to the woods road along the eastern (front) alignment of the building. Approximately 1.5-2 feet of snow cover was present. In addition to paper copies of plans, Mr. Quigley also had key components of the proposed development on a tablet with GPS capability so the group was able to note their location relative to the proposed development periodically as they walked the site.

Board members were shown approximate locations of wetland fill sites (though ground cover was not visible), all four proposed building corners, building alignment, and the extent of paved areas at the western side (behind) of the proposed building. Toward the end just prior to seeing the final wetland fill site and last building corner, the group separated and Mr. Quigley led Ms. English, Mr. Brown and Ms. Murphy from the northwestern building corner to the location of the large oak tree that was discussed for preservation. Brendan Quigley flagged the tree with blue and white striped flagging and indicated the tree appeared to be just on the edge of the extent of grading. Mr. Petropulos lead Ms. Woolhouse, Ms. Corson and Mr. Grueter to the last wetland fill site. Mr. Quigley lead the second group to the same sites.

No motions were acted on. Topics of discussion included the components of the project mentioned in the Conservation Commissions memo such as re-establishing the trail connection, additional planting, concerns over pushing snow off the back edge of paved area behind the building toward the Little River, and the preservation of the oak tree.

The walk concluded at 10:30 am.

Kristen Murphy