

**TOWN OF WEARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PLANNING BOARD  
JULY 25, 2019 Meeting DRAFT Minutes**

**Present:** Craig Francisco (chairman), Neal Kurk (secretary), Frank Bolton (member), Jack Meaney (Ex-officio) and Kelly Dearborn-Luce (Land Use Coordinator). Also present: Alex Heafield, Chris Renaud, Rob Shannon, Amy Shannon, Joseph Geisler.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**II. SUGAR HILL SPEEDWAY**

A change of use request for the old Sugar Hill Speedway property with 9.3 acres for a landscaping business was made by new owner of the property, Mr. Alex Heafield. His company, Heafield Landscaping, would operate from the property, in addition to storage of equipment, vehicles, firewood, loam, wall-blocks & pavers, trucks and trailers, lawn mowers, and so on. Maintenance and oil changes will be done inside the garage. A DES study was conducted for reference, if needed. Discussion involved identifying allowed uses for this zone. The Chair referenced Article 24.3 of the Zoning Ordinance to clarify. Abutters, Amy and Rob Shannon, spoke in favor of Mr. Heafield's project, as they prefer a landscaping business verses another racetrack in the neighborhood. The previous racetrack was an annoyance to everyone and added environmental damage, unwanted traffic and lots of noise. The Board made the suggestion to apply for a Change of Use for the property and return to the Planning Board on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**III. VARIANCE REVIEW**

Mr. Christopher Renaud of 26 Sawyer Road received a variance from Article 17-1.1 for building on Class VI road. Discussion involved consideration of emergency vehicles, clarification of the new Town Driveway Maintenance agreement regulations and how they will pertain to Mr. Renaud, along with consultation with the Town attorney and Public Works Director. The Board will hold a better understanding of this matter, and Mr. Renaud can then return to hear the findings in two weeks.

**IV. MINUTES**

Mr. Kurk moved, Mr. Francisco seconded, to accept the July 11, 2019 minutes, as amended. All were in favor, 4-0.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
C. Provencher, Transcribed from notes*