Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting

Monday May 10, 2021 - 6pm

Bonnie Ham called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Bonnie presented the names of candidates who had received the most write-in votes in the Town Elections as below:

Margaret LaBarge Ben Wilson

and recommended that Mike Donahue be appointed to the Board as an Alternate for 1 year.

Scott motioned to nominate Mike for 1 year appointment to the Board. Robert seconded. Scott also noted that as Selectman's Representative to the Board he can swear in the newly elected and appointed candidates if accepted.

Hanna, Scott, Robert, Bonnie all voted to approve – quorum present, Mike was appointed as Alternate for a term of 1 year. Swearing in of all three new Board Members immediately followed. All candidates will stop in at Town Office in person to sign their oaths.

Roll Call Attendance

Present: Bonnie, Scott, Robert, Hanna, Margaret, Ben, Mike

Absent: Patrick Griffin

Public present: John Kimball, Dan Trinkle, Charyl Reardon

Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2021 Meeting

There were no comments, changes, nor additions offered. Scott motioned to accept the minutes as written; Hanna seconded. Scott, Hanna, Margaret, Bonnie & Robert voted to approve. Others present abstained. Minutes approved.

Selectman's Report - Scott Rice

One man alerted the Selectmen that a few big rocks from gravel pit blasting last fall were found in his yard this spring. Selectmen are in communication with him to find resolution. The people who did the blasting were a qualified company hired by Rex, but the blast radius extended beyond the borders of the pit and impacted neighboring properties.

Town voting tomorrow 10-6 at Woodstock Town Hall. Residents can do drive-up voting from inside their cars or come into the building to vote as usual. Please vote yes on article #2 to allow the voting process to go forward.

6:15 PM Hearing Boundary Line Adjustment between Allan and Michelle Guilbeault and The Donald R. Guilbeault Revocable Trust 800 Eastside Road and 11 Well Road 123-005 & 123-007

This is a simple transfer of 0.36 acres of property between two brothers who own adjacent lots. The parcel being transferred is marked in the shaded area A on the attached map. There is an easement already in place to allow water service to pass through property 123-005 to 123-007, which will be extended to apply to the new parcel of land as well. The new parcel will become incorporated into lot 123-005 changing its total area from 1.42 acres to 1.78 acres, and reducing the area of lot 123-007 from 10.54 acres to 10.18 acres. Scott motioned, Margaret seconded to approve the proposed boundary line adjustment. All members present agreed to approve.

6:30 PM Hearing on the Revised Master Plan

No members of the public were present to comment on the proposed revisions to the Master Plan. In view of the elections tomorrow and low attendance of this meeting, members present agreed to defer this hearing until the May Planning Board meeting to allow others who may have an interest to participate in discussion.

FEMA Pemigewasset Watershed Study Webinar to be scheduled.

Scott, Margaret, and Bonnie tried to access the scheduled webinars but could not get onto the video platform. Bonnie has contacted the presenters to get access to the maps and more information about the webinar content so we are able to give and receive feedback.

Update on status of Earth Excavation Applications.

Bonnie spoke with Rex. He is in the process of submitting the plans that Steve LaFrance has prepared for Woodstock Sand & Gravel so we will be able to look at those. Depending on whether those are complete and address our questions, then he will submit a permit application. If not complete, he will fill in missing pieces. If it's far enough along, we may be able to have a hearing in May. DES deadline is June, so he may be better off waiting until then to make sure everything needed is covered.

The Devine property has some time remaining on the permit. Nothing has changed and Rex is not ready to move forward on permit renewal yet. It may be a restoration plan instead of continuing as an excavation pit. We will hear more from him later about this one.

Secretary Compensation

We appointed Margaret as our Secretary but have not agreed on what compensation would be for those services. Funds were allocated in the budget. Hanna noted that she had previously suggested \$14/hr. Scott agreed that it should be at least that, seconded. Margaret recused herself from this discussion; all other members present voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.