

Woodstock Planning Board Meeting MINUTES

Date: May 9, 2022 Time: 6:00 PM

Woodstock Town Office Building, Lost River Road

6:00 PM – Call to Order

Roll Call Attendance

Present: Robert, Scott, Bonnie, Diane, Hanna, Margaret

Zoom: Kevin Foley, John Kimball, Suzanne

Approval of Minutes- April 11, 2022

Scott moved to approve

Margaret seconded

Unanimous approval

Resignation Letter Received from Hanna Kinne

Effective June 30, 2022. We need two people! Let's advertise for one position. The planning board will approve it.

Diane motioned to place add in paper and website

Margaret seconded

Unanimous approval

Selectmen's Report – Scott

Upgrades are all moving along. "things are calm."

Update on Planning Conference

Report on April 30 Session. Bonnie says we should take a look at our procedures and make sure they are what we want. Very important to have rules of procedures. Bonnie says she came away thinking we should look at our subdivision regs. We are going to be using them and needing them and we haven't used them in a long time.

We have oversight of subdivisions but no rules. We can make suggestions. Margaret notes that our oversight should focus on conservation and green spaces.

Second Session Sat. May 7, 2022 9-12. We will report on it later after we have had chance to review notes.

Questions relative to potential subdivision on Paradise Road

The "Tucker" property and access from two roads. (The tax map says Rutherford owns it). We invited the interested party and they said they would come to the next meeting (.52 acres) They need driveway permit and sewer hookups and setbacks. Lot looks big enough.

Status of Resnick Paving

The Paving company ("Blacktop") is coming Friday to do it. Mark wanted to know about the trees and landscaping. Robert says he spoke to Jimmy and he said he and Mark have spoken and they are on the same page- he wants tall trees (10ft or so). Mark thinks the tree line is in the right of way. Should we prevent the trees from going in the right away? Bonnie says it is a private road.

Send instructions that we prefer the trees not be in the right away. This way Jimmy can control what happens to the trees in the future. Bonnie will tell Mark and Robert will give Jimmy have a head's up.

Update on DES Correspondences Received

We received it and everyone read it.

Assignment of Subcommittees

Robert and Bonnie and Margaret can take a look at it. Robert has done it before and gives his opinion that he likes little to no regulation.

Other Business

Margaret says we are waiting for approval from town IT provider to get new software.

Bonnie says : We can access sites to see status of DES applications.

Two steps: According to Tyler Davidson. DES approval process (state does what they do according to their recommendations) and Planning Board process (our own say). They don't get involved in our business.

As a board, we can go and look. We can go alone or together. The public can join in the site visit once we post the meeting.

Public Participation

John Kimball wants us to make decision on the “conditional” approval on 112-008 reclamation permit (Westside Caulder permit). He says we conditionally approved the permit with condition of notification to abutters for further blasting. He referenced the December 13, 2021 minutes. There was a blast on April 15, 2022 and he never got notice. He doesn’t know if other abutters were notified.

John wants us to issue cease and desist order because the notification was not provided. Margaret looked at minutes and permit. We did not make it a condition. We did not require it. It was a gentleman’s agreement. Conditions: Caulder not to excavate more than 10 acres and not to disturb the wetlands. Only 2 conditions. We can’t pull the permit because it was not a condition.

John wants cease and desist because pit is not in compliance. He believes the pit has not been operating with complete approval. He wants a public meeting with all the information. John says July 12, 2021 minutes have other discussions related to this issue.

Bonnie says we can refer to town attorney Laura Spector-Morgan.

Kevin says he recommended this last week because the state rules are more stringent— all permits need to be in place. The town is hanging out there with an incomplete permit.

John wants decision-to vote whether or not to issue cease and desist.

Scott motions that we consult lawyer first and come back next month with answers.

Scott says we can have private meeting with Laura and then come back to everyone.

Foley says absolutely not- private meetings can only be held for personnel issues.

Robert added to that motion to consult lawyer and find out more answers and review documents.

Bonnie says let’s come back with more information before we vote.

Diane seconded Robert’s Motion

Unanimous approval

Suzanne heard rumor...subdivision across speedway is going to be 55 and older MHP? Bonnie says no application before us but we heard that information too. Robert says she can talk to Rex and let him know her interest.

Kevin asks- do we have notice of intent or application? No, we just had exploratory questions. Scott says Rex is working with Tom Duffield who is working with the state to help with reclamation plan that includes subdivision.

Adjourn

Scott motion to adjourn

Robert seconded

Unanimous

Adjourned at 6:57