

JACKSON PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES –April 11, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING

- UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED

Call to Order: Bill Terry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Attending were Members Dick Bennett, Kathleen Dougherty, and Sarah Kimball. Barbara Campbell, Scott Badger, Huntley Allen, and Chris McAleer had informed the Board that they would be unable to attend. Alternate Betsey Harding attended; Alternate David Campbell had responded that he would be unable to attend. Bill stated that all present would be voting members. In the audience was Hank Benesh, who was making an audio-visual recording of the meeting.

Minutes of January 10th: Sarah moved approval of the minutes as distributed, and Kathleen seconded the motion; they were unanimously approved. There was no Planning Board meeting in either February or March. Betsey mentioned that she had not yet typed up Jay Henry's information for distribution to the town, as we had agreed to do in January. Board members agreed that Betsey should type those, and get them to the Selectmen's Office for distribution.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Officers of the Board: Bill asked for comments on method of selection of Board officers. Dick asked if Bill was willing to continue as Chair, and he agreed to. Therefore, Dick moved that Bill continue as Chair, and Betsey seconded the motion. All approved. Sarah moved that Scott be voted in as Vice-Chair when Bill affirmed that Scott had agreed to do so if asked. Kathleen seconded that motion and all approved. Dick moved, and Bill seconded that Betsey continue as Secretary.

Other Business: The 2019 Zoning Ordinance was distributed to members present, as was the new RSA book.

Betsey mentioned Richard Levine's offer to visit the housing units at the Dana Place area.

Betsey stated that Stephen Buckley, attorney with the NH Municipal Association, said that our present Zoning Ordinance would benefit from a major review and overhaul. Betsey inquired if we should try to do much of it in house, by reviewing ordinances from similar towns, or to have professional help with it, such as through North Country Council. After a brief discussion, members agreed that using NNC's services makes a great deal of sense. Betsey agreed to receive bids prior to the next meeting.

Betsey showed information about the upcoming Planning and Zoning Conference, scheduled for June 1 in Concord. This is a very valuable source of information for Planning Board members. Years ago our Board agreed that anyone willing to attend would be reimbursed for the conference fee, by submitting such an expense to the Selectmen's Office.

Members discussed the need for a Capital Improvements Plan. Members felt it would not be very difficult to update the 2009 plan; Dick mentioned that he has worked with the Highway and Fire Departments to determine their needs. Those two departments account for a significant portion of yearly town expenses.

Kathleen mentioned that she will be away at the time of the May and June Planning Board meetings.

Dick moved to adjourn, and Sarah seconded the motion; all favored, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Harding

(Note: an audio-visual record of the meeting may be found on Jacksonflicks.com)