Town of Jackson Planning Board Minutes - February 13th, 2020 - Regular Meeting - UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED

Call To Order: Bill Terry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Attending were Members Bill Terry, Sarah Kimball, Chris McAleer, David Campbell, and Selectmen's Representative Dick Bennett. Members Scott Badger, Kathleen Dougherty, and Alternate Huntley Allan notified the Chair they would not be in attendance. Hank Benesh was also present to create an audio/visual recording of the meeting, which may be found on JacksonFlicks.com.

Public Comment: Bill recognized a Letter To The Editor to the Conway Daily Sun, in which Kenneth Carpenter called for building inspections to be a part of the proposed short-term rental regulations. Bill wished to call attention to the fact that the Board originally presented a proposal that included upfront inspections but withdrew that approach when discussions with Counsel indicated such inspections could run afoul of current State regulations, notably RSA 153:14 II(a), and input from Fire Chief Jay Henry. Eliminating the requirement and substituting the affidavit approach as currently proposed lowers the cost, puts less stress on Town resources and avoids potential litigation. Chris presented notes taken from a recent meeting for the White Mountain Board of Realty, suggesting that lobbyists hope to compromise with lawmakers on creating state legislature that would allow for building inspection of short-term rental properties.

Voluntary Lot Merger Application: The property owner of Lots 21 and 22 (J. Herlihy) on Green Hill Road in Jackson applied to merge the two lots. The application fee was paid, and a public hearing was not required for approval of the application.

After a brief discussion regarding the Right of Way, David motioned to approve the merging of the two lots. Dick seconded the motion, and it was put to vote. The motion was carried unanimously, and the merger was approved.

Capital Improvement Plan: Dick agreed to prepare information on the plan to be presented in the April regular meeting.

Other Business: Due to a scheduling conflict on March 12th with the town meeting, the Board rescheduled their next regular meeting to March 19th.

Bill noted that additional candidates are needed to fill the four Alternate vacancies and suggested that Dick appoint an Alternate for Selectmen's Representative to vote in the Representative's absence.

Approval Of Minutes: Minutes from both the January 9th regular meeting and the February 3rd public hearing were reviewed.

Chris motioned to approve the January 9th minutes, and Dick seconded. The motion was carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

Sarah motioned to approve the February 3rd minutes, and David seconded. The motion was carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

Dick motioned to adjourn, and Chris seconded. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Will Reisig