

PLANNING BOARD

MARCH 21, 2019

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 PM

These minutes are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the board at their next meeting.

Members Present- Kevin Lee, Peter Keene, Ken Jacques, Darrin Patten, Bryan O' Day, and George McCusker

Others Present: Steve Schneider, Whit Smith, Mike Beaulieu, and Janet Roberts

The meeting starts with the elections of Chair and Vice Chair of the board

Ken Jacques makes a motion to keep Chair (Kevin Lee) and Vice Chair (Peter Keene) the same, second by Darrin and all in favor.

There was some discussion around the February minutes regarding the O'Day hearing. Darrin states he didn't recall officially closing the hearing, but to continue it. He stated he felt there was a motion to accept the survey, but no approval was given. Because of the confusion there was motion by Peter to reopen the hearing to 7:05pm on April 18th, second by Ken and all in favor.

Ken made a motion to wave the fees for the abutters when noticing the hearing, second by Peter all in favor and unanimously approved.

There were some typos in the minutes to be corrected as well. Ken made a motion to accept February's minutes with corrections, second by Bryan all in favor. (Peter and Kevin abstained)

There was some discussion around the Zoning Board and their ability to grant acreage as acceptable. Whit states the Zoning board does have that authority and that is the basis behind the power of the ZBA.

Janet Roberts approached the board on behalf of Andey D'Amico. She had letter in hand that she stated could be attached/scanned with the minutes in regard to his solar/heat pump. Ken states the question would be whether this is considered a structure or not.

The board referred to the Zoning Ordinance Appendix A- list of items that are not a structure and solar/heat pump/central air was listed as a non-structure

Motion by Ken that this would not be considered a structure, second by Darrin all in favor and unanimously approved.

Janet also approached the board in regard to the Engineering bill from Lou Caron for the Cunningham's property. She stated that the town did pay the bill. The Cunningham's stated to Janet that they did not feel he was on their property for five hours. Tom Cunningham first contacted Lou, and Lou stated that he could not go onto the property without the town's say so because he works for the town. Darrin asked George if the Selectmen had met w/the Cunninghams and George stated that they have not. Cunningham's stated they did not know they would be responsible for the bill. The board agreed that

they felt it was clear when The Cunninghams came in for the initial consult that the town doesn't pay for engineering bills of a landowner's property. Whit states there was no actual official conversation of who was paying for the bill and that is where the confusion lies. The board agreed that on ALL future consults they are to make it clear that any and all engineering, professional fees are to be paid by the property owner, not the town.

Steve Schneider suggested that a letter to the Cunningham's come from the Selectmen. George asked Janet if she would type something up, and she states that she would.

Whit explained that the Ad-Hoc committee had completed their work. Darrin asked what the options were. White stated maintain what we have now, or opt for the two million for fiber optics. Whit to submit his conclusion to the planning board.

Steve Schneider added that the State is currently in a contract w/AT&T.

Misc. Business:

Ken stated he has stalked to Susan Chiarella in regard to the master plan and survey and she told him that she would very much like to be involved.

Darrin raised a concern that he felt there are Zoning Permits being issued to individuals who have a business, but are not having to come in for a site plan review. He feels there are people who have come forward and paid their dues and feels it's only fair that others do the same. He stated he was under the impression the trigger for individuals running business without a site plan review would be if they came in for a building permit of some sort- then they would be asked to come in.

George states that Whit has come before the selectmen to ask for direction. Janet also added that the Selectmen to plan on having a work session to make a process to address this issue.

Meeting adjourned@8:45

Submitted by,

Susan Abair