

MINUTES
PLANNING BOARD
April 1, 2020
Via Zoom

Present: Each member stated their attendance:

John Schaumloffel-Chair, Liz Freeman-Vice Chair, Lou Alvarez, Lou Guarino, Nate Sikkila, Deirdre Daley, Craig Smeeth, Susan Mallett and Debbie Deaton.

John read the attached "Right to Know Law Meeting Checklist"

John displayed the minutes of March 4, 2020 by sharing his screen. Deirdre made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Nate seconded the motion. All verbal votes were Yea with the exception of Liz who abstained.

John asked Craig to sit in for Shawn Talbot (Ex-Officio).

Chairman/Land Use Report:

John read the attached email from Bruce Simpson-USA Properties, requesting a continuation of their public hearing until June. The Board will vote on the request on April 15, 2020 which is the continuation date. Liz stated "Off Site Improvements" are in the purview of the Planning Board, not the Selectmen. Debbie will verify this with the New Hampshire Municipal Association on Thursday.

Newly elected members:

John introduced the newly elected members:

Susan Mallett was elected to a 1 year term, Nate Sikkila was elected to a 3 year term and Lou Alvarez was elected to a 3 year term.

Liz made a motion to appoint Lou Guarino as an alternate for a 3 year term. All verbal votes were Yea. Lou Guarino will be sworn in by Debbie prior to the next meeting. Lou Alvarez & Susan Mallett have already been sworn in.

7:25 pm Public Hearing-Ojala 2 lot subdivision, Map 10/22:

John read the attached public notice for the above subdivision. Debbie informed the Board the applicant would like to continue this public hearing to May 6th, 2020 at 7:15 pm due to the Governor's Stay at Home order relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. Liz made the motion and it was seconded by Nate. All verbal votes were in the affirmative.

Election of officers:

John indicated he would continue as Chair if no one else was interested. Liz made a motion to nominate John as chair. Craig seconded the motion. All verbal votes were Yea and the motion was carried.

Deirdre volunteered to be Vice Chair. Lou Alvarez made the motion, Susan seconded the motion. All verbal votes were Yea.

Changing meeting start time:

John stated he felt the Board should hold off changing the start time as long as we are not conducting meetings in person. The Board agreed.

Craig Smeeth asked if there is any way or someone to talk to regarding Internet connections for families who are unable to afford paying for the internet. His concern is for the kids who are trying to connect for remote learning. He'd like to know what the community is doing to help these kids. Debbie said she would get in touch with Southwest Regional Planning Commission.

Jim Coffey (guest) mentioned there are programs out there for such uses. He also suggested getting in touch with SWRPC. Craig's concern is we may have a repeat of this situation and would like to be able to help the community out. Debbie also suggested contacting someone at the school to see if they are working on a solution.

At 7:50, Deirdre made a motion to adjourn. Liz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deaton
Land Use Administrator