

MINUTES
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
October 4, 2017

PRESENT: Bert Hamill, Chairman, Paul Termin, David Lage, Ned Nichols, Liz Freeman, Deirdre Daly, Debbie Deaton

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Bert appointed Deirdre to fill the vacancy of Ed Dekker.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting. Paragraph under Education..."Debbie mention a CPR/AED class. David said it would not fall under the Planning Board Budget." Seventh paragraph on the second page..." residents could petition the Board of Selectmen." The Board also reviewed the minutes from the discussion held on September 20, 2017. Bert accepted the minutes as written and amended.

Lehtonen Land Merger: The Board reviewed the merger of two lots on Smithville Road, Map 8 lots 47-1 and 47-2. Ned made a motion to accept the merger. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

USA Properties: An email was received from USA Properties on September 28 requesting an extension of their current application until January 16, 2018 at 7:10 p.m. Paul made a motion to grant the extension, Ned seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Green Farm Road and Jacqueline Drive: Bert stated that he has visited the site several times over the past week and has pictures of the progress. Kent Brown was contacted but was unavailable to inspect it. Mr. Litchfield would like Kent to wait to inspect it until his landscaping crew goes out there to finish up. Paul asked Bert how it looked. Bert responded that for the most part, it looked good. There will be a punch list that needs to be taken care of. Bert also stated that the Board has heard nothing regarding releasing the bond.

John Schaumloffel, 55 Jacqueline Drive, asked if it was the resident's responsibility to back up the curb. Bert said it is the responsibility of Mr. Litchfield. John also asked David if the Selectmen have any reservations regarding the road. David replied that it has not been presented to the Selectmen and he would like to look at the plans to verify everything.

Bob McArthur, 45 Jacqueline Drive, said that the drainage is wonderful and goes directly into the catch basin. Bob asked what determines holding the bond or a portion of it as far as letting the road weather over the winter. David replied that it would have to weather over the entire winter before they will release a portion of the bond.

Brenda Beckmann, 58 Jacqueline Drive, stated there are a lot of lines and cracks in the pavement in front of her driveway and is concerned that it will fail. Also mentioned was the fact that there is no catch basin at the end of the circle. David mentioned that was another reason he wanted to look at the plans. Bert stated that when Mr. Brown inspects the road, he will make sure this is mentioned.

Jeff McCabe, 51 Jacqueline Drive, stated the road had washed away in front of his driveway prior to the paving. Since the paving, the water now runs down his driveway and he was concerned his asphalt driveway will wash away. Bert said he will have Mr. Brown make recommendations for that also.

Bert will follow up on backfilling the berms with Mr. Litchfield.

Bob McArthur stated that it is in the homeowner's association agreement that the plowing is the responsibility of Mr. Litchfield until the road is approved and accepted as a road by the Town. He said that Carolyn Cormier has sent Mr. Litchfield an email thanking him for paving the road and asking if he was going to continue to plow this winter. As of this meeting, she has not heard back from him.

Ned asked Bob if he was sure of the wording in the agreement regarding plowing until the road was accepted by the Town. Bob replied that he was. Deirdre told Bob that he should check either the homeowner's agreement or the deed to make sure that verbiage is in there and has been recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds.

DES Presentation by Steve Landry: Mr. Landry from the DES made a presentation regarding non-point source pollution. Mr. Landry spoke and answered questions until approximately 9:10 p.m. He will follow up by sending the Board some links to look up, brochures and books. He also mentioned the Soak Up the Rain program and the short film "Gimme Green" as points of reference. Bert asked Mr. Landry if he knew of any towns similar to New Ipswich that had excellent regulations. Mr. Landry will get back to the Board with that information.

Other Business: Bert suggested the Board appoint Debbie as an alternate member. Paul made a motion to appoint Debbie as an alternate member. Ned seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bert informed the Board that the budget was approved by the Selectmen but it still needs to be approved by the Budget Committee.

Bert had asked Debbie send out an email last week containing RSA's regarding personal liability of Board members. The following RSA's were found: 31:104, 31:105, 31:108 and 491:24.

At 9:15 p.m., Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Deirdre and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deaton, Land Use Clerk

