

Minutes for Thursday August 13, 2009 Planning Board Meeting

1. Call to Order: Chairman Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Introduction of Attendees: Present were: Chairman David Johnson; Secretary Laura Chadbourne; Member Gail Bartlett; Alternate Ron Kiesman; CEO Eric Gulbrandsen; and Marcia Storkerson taking Meeting Minutes.

3. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the July 9, 2009 meeting were read. Laura Chadbourne moved and Gail Bartlett seconded the acceptance of the Minutes with typographic corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CEO's Report:

Eric Gulbrandsen submitted the July CEO report. Two building permits and two violation notices (unregistered vehicle and non-conforming signage) were issued. A timber harvesting notification was also issued.

Gail Bartlett moved and Laura Chadbourne seconded the acceptance of the CEO's July report. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business:

A. Planning Board Vacancies: Dave Johnson mentioned he had not made any further progress on dealing with the vacancies on the Planning Board. He plans to attend a Selectmen's meeting in the near future.

B. Wind Generation Research: Ron Kiesman talked to a contact in Buckfield to see how they were dealing with wind generation. They are using DEP wording and plan to finalize their zoning ordinance by October, at which point Ron plans to call them back to obtain the final copy. He also spoke with Julie McQueen (who has previously talked with MMA) and Ken Forde's son.

Dave Johnson spoke to Jonathan Lockman, Planning Director at SMRPC, and found him quite helpful. Jonathan sent Dave a copy of Ogunquit's 2006 ordinance addressing wind generation, and Dave brought copies to share with the Board.

Eric Gulbrandsen's interpretation of the current zoning ordinance is that if a proposed tower and blade together exceeded 50 feet in height, it would be disallowed.

After further discussion, it was decided to continue to gather information on the subject. No formal recommendations were made at this meeting.

C. SMRPC Newsletter Communications: SMRPC verbally committed to Julie McQueen to continue to send newsletters via US Mail (rather than email) for the Planning Board. Julie has asked for that commitment in writing.

D. Wild Haven Subdivision: George Wilson called Dave Johnson last Tuesday and plans to submit at additional pre-application information within the two-week cutoff time prior to the September meeting. Dave is going to call MMA to obtain their opinion on the scope of information needed from Mr. Wilson for his proposed lot subdivision.

6. New Business:

A. Sweden Building Permit and Use Application: Laura Chadbourne asked if we should consider updating the dual-purpose Building Permit / Conditional Use form to make them two separate forms. Eric Gulbrandsen said the form he uses is from the state. The Planning Board would only see one of these forms if it were a Conditional Use Application. Dave Johnson proposed that we not change the current form.

B. Eric will sign off on Pie Tree's request for a state sign.

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C. Review of MMA's *Planning Board Manual*: Laura Chadbourne's proposed review of the MMA's *Planning Board Manual* was postponed. Dave Johnson instead led a review of the Subdivision Preapplication requirements.

D. Commitment to review latest news: all Board Members present agreed to review the *Maine Townsman* magazine(s) prior to the next meeting and review any pertinent articles together at that time.

7. Announcements:

The next regular Meeting will be Thursday September 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Sweden Town Meeting House.

Laura Chadbourne moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Storkerson