

Minutes for Saturday, September 26, 2009 Planning Board Meeting

1. Call to Order: Chairman Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

2. Introduction of Attendees: Present were: Chairman David Johnson, Secretary Laura Chadbourne, Member Gail Bartlett, and alternate Ron Kiesman.

3. Meeting Minutes. The minutes from the September 10, 2009 meeting were read by Dave Johnson. Gail Bartlett moved and Laura Chadbourne seconded the acceptance of the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Communication & Bills: all members received a copy of a topographical map mailed to them by George Wilson on September 18, 2009. All members present commented that the copy was dark and nearly impossible to read. However, based on what could be read, there are clearly potential erosion issues should Mr. Wilson plan to subdivide the property.

5. CEO's Report: none

6. Old Business:

A. **Clarification by Chair:** Dave Johnson consulted with SMRPC about George Wilson's pre-application presentation after the 9/10 Planning Board meeting. SMRPC advised him again that the application must be reviewed using the requirements of a Major Subdivision in the Town of Sweden Subdivision Regulations in accordance with State Law. The meeting was posted at the Town Office and on the Town Bulletin Board one week prior to the meeting. Mr. Wilson was notified by the Chair of the purpose, date and time of the meeting. Gail Bartlett motioned, and Laura Chadbourne seconded, that the Board review Mr. Wilson's application as Major Subdivision. The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Vote on Mr. Wilson's 8/24 memo:** the applicant proposed in his memo of August 24, 2009 that the Board agree to send a simple letter stating that Mr. Wilson's plan "as it is" at this time meets the approval of the Planning Board. The Board voted on whether to agree to the proposal outlined in Mr. Wilson's memo dated August 24, 2009. Laura Chadbourne motioned to deny Mr. Wilson's request in the 8/24 memo since Mr. Wilson's request would not be in accordance with the review process as required by Sweden's Ordinance. Gail Bartlett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **Vote on proposed Site Walk:** A site walk had previously been scheduled for Mr. Wilson's property on October 10, 2009. Given that the applicant must still submit a preliminary application (along with the application fee) and a site walk was conducted in 2008 as a part of the pre-application process, Laura Chadbourne made a motion to cancel the previously scheduled site walk. Gail Bartlett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board will discuss whether or not to schedule another site walk upon receipt of a preliminary plan application as allowed by the Ordinance since the preliminary plan application was not received within 6 months of the initial site walk.

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D. **Topographical Map:** the group reviewed the copies of the topographical map provided by Mr. Wilson. This map was the last item that Mr. Wilson needed to provide in order to meet the preliminary plan pre-application materials. The board agreed that while the topo map was nearly illegible, it was not necessary for Mr. Wilson to provide a better copy, as long as he included contour lines at a minimum of 5-foot intervals on any preliminary plan submitted to the Board.

E. **Letter to Mr. Wilson:** Laura Chadbourne offered to draft a letter to Mr. Wilson outlining the votes taken by the Board at this meeting. Dave Johnson will review and send the letter once drafted.

7. New Business:

None

8. Announcements:

- A. The next regular Meeting will be Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 PM at the Sweden Town Meeting House.
- B. The Board still has openings for one full time member (term ending in 2013) and one alternate (for a one year term). Should anyone express interest, they can be appointed by the Selectmen.

Gail Bartlett moved and Laura Chadbourne seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Chadbourne
Secretary