



PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 16, 2015
Town Hall Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Vice Chair Paul Boisvert called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Board Members

Regular Board Members Present:

Paul Boisvert; David Dow; Nichole Fecteau; Niles Schore

Regular Board Member(s) Absent:

Dave Andreesen

Alternate Members Present:

Judy Burgess

Staff Members Present:

Joe Rousselle, Code Enforcement Officer; John Stoll, Town Planner

Public Comment

None Scheduled

Approval of Minutes

- June 18, 2015

Mr. Boisvert pointed out that allowed was misspelled

Motion: Ms. Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes for June 18th as amended

Second: Ms. Fecteau

VOTED – 4-0 in favor

Motion Passed

In favor: Paul Boisvert; David Dow; Judy Burgess; Nichole Fecteau

Opposed: None

Abstain: Niles Schore

Public Hearing

None Scheduled

Old Business

- Decision Letter Approval Conditional Use-**Canoe/Kayak dock** – Town of Berwick/Friends of the Berwick Riverfront
 - 111 Rochester Street (Map U-5, Lot 20)

Ms. Burgess suggested that “standard residential lighting” on Performance Standard 12 should include “shielded and hooded” to be more descriptive for anyone reading at a later date.

Ms. Burgess suggested that a fact included on the Findings of Fact stating that no signs have been proposed should be scratched to eliminate confusion.

Motion: Mr. Schore made a motion to approve the decision letter for the canoe and kayak launch

Second: Ms. Burgess

VOTED – 4-0 in favor

Motion Passed

In favor: Paul Boisvert; Niles Schore; David Dow; Judy Burgess

Opposed: None

Abstain: Nichole Fecteau

New Business

- PREP Grant Award Discussion

Mr. Stoll explained that the Town had been awarded a grant from PREP to modify shore land zoning setback requirements and drinking water protection. This will be an education process right now and most of the work will be completed by Town Staff.

Mr. Boisvert asked why ponds would receive the increased protection but not rivers and streams.

Ms. Burgess stated that the Town’s efforts would have a limited impact if the City of Somersworth did not follow these regulations as well. Mr. Stoll stated that he believed that Somersworth had adopted similar ordinances.

Mr. Rousselle noted that South Berwick has already adopted increased setbacks for their shore land zoning ordinance.

- Discussion of any proposed Land Use Ordinance Amendments for November Town Meeting.

The Board discussed if any land use amendments would be proposed for the upcoming November meeting. Mr. Stoll stated that there had been some past discussion for simple conditional use amendments to be approved without Planning Board approval. It was agreed that any proposed ordinance amendments would be planned for the Spring Town Meeting/

Mr. Schore asked if there was a way to put something on the Town's website so that residents could make suggestions for proposed land use ordinances in the future. Mr. Stoll said that he could link his email to a tab for suggestions.

The status of the Town's Brownfields grant was discussed. Mr. Stoll said that an advisory committee was being formed and that they were looking for volunteers to serve. Anyone interested in serving on the Brownfields advisory committee should email planning@berwickmaine.org

Other/Non-Agenda Items

Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Schore made a motion to adjourn

Second: Ms. Fecteau

VOTED – 5-0 in favor

Motion Passed

In favor: Paul Boisvert; Niles Schore; David Dow; Judy Burgess; Nichole Fecteau

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Town Planner John Stoll, for consideration at the Berwick Planning Board's August 6, 2015 meeting

Signed as Approved by the Board:

Dave Andreesen, Chair

Date

