



# PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday December 7, 2017

Town Hall Meeting Room

6:30 p.m.

## Call to Order

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Introduction of Board Members

*David Andreesen; Paul Boisvert; David Dow; Niles Schore;*

***Regular Board Member(s) Absent:***

*Nichole Fecteau*

***Alternate Members Present:***

*Sean Winston; Michael LaRue (voting member)*

***Alternate Member Absent:***

***Staff Members Present:***

*Kathy Connor, Town Planner; Joe Rousselle, Code Enforcement Office; James Bellissimo, Planning Technician*

## Public Comment

## Approval of Minutes

1. November 2, 2017

**Motion:** Paul Boisvert motioned to accept the minutes as written.

**Second:** Niles Schore

**VOTED – 5-0 in favor**

**Motion Passed**

In favor: David Andreesen; David Dow; Niles Schore; Paul Boisvert; Michael LaRue;

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

2. Proposed amendment to the Village Overlay District (U3-1) 55 School Street. Andrea & Rick Burns.

Paul Boisvert said that when the Village Overlay was expanded the Planning Board allowed abutters to either “opt-in” to the Village Overlay District or “opt-out.” Paul stated this is the first time the Planning Board has seen someone who would like to “opt-in.”

The Public Hearing was set for January 4, 2018.

James Bellissimo suggested if the zoning map is being amended, that it would make sense to invite the abutters to consider opting-in to the Village Overlay District as well.

Kathy Connor clarified that there are two zoning amendment processes, one is this change being considered, which was initiated from a community member; the other process would be initiated by the Planning Board.

## **Information Items**

## **Public Comment**

James Bellissimo brought up that if the Village Overlay District was expanded, it might make sense to split the zone like the Planning Board was considering in the Summer. Mr. Bellissimo suggested that the Town still owns two of the properties and could limit residential if that is what the community and Planning Board wanted to do.

Sean Winston said that people panic when they hear 200 units, Sean clarified that the 200 units will be phased in over time.

Dave Andreesen stated that nothing has yet to come to the Planning Board and there is still a long way to go.

Kathy Connor stated that the next few years will give the Planning Board enough insight to see how the future development will go, and that there is plenty of time to make changes.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Sean Winston motioned to adjourn.

**Second:** Michael LaRue

**VOTED – 5-0 in favor**

**Motion Passed**

In favor: David Andreesen; David Dow; Niles Schore; Paul Boisvert; Michael LaRue;

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Minutes prepared by Planning Technician, James Bellissimo, for consideration at the Berwick Planning Board's January 4, 2017 meeting.

Signed as Approved by the Board:

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Signature

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Date