



# PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday August 2, 2018  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
6:30 p.m.

## Call to Order

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Introduction of Board Members

*David Andreesen; Paul Boisvert; Niles Schore*

### **Regular Members Absent:**

*Nichole Fecteau*

### **Alternate Members Present:**

*Sean Winston (voting member); Michael LaRue (voting member)*

### **Staff Members Present:**

James Bellissimo; Planning Tech

## Public Comment

## Approval of Minutes

### 1. July 19, 2018

The Planning Board pointed out a few typos and suggested moving a note to the end of the page, outside of the minutes.

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

**Second:** Niles Schore

**VOTED – 5-0 in favor**

**Motion Passed**

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

## **Workshop**

### **2. Land Use Ordinance Amendments**

James Bellissimo explained the Marijuana Production Facilities licensing cost comes from Maine LR 2395 and it covers the State of Maine's Department so it does not apply to Berwick. Mr. Bellissimo suggested holding off until Spring to determine licensing for marijuana, licensing for other businesses, and also develop the marijuana-RFP process.

James Bellissimo said there are some serious questions to address in the Land Use Ordinance regarding the Stormwater chapter. The Limited Residential, Resource Protection and Stream Protection Districts are less strict than the underlying zone.

### **3. Design Guidelines**

Niles Schore pointed out on Page 4 and for the rest of the document where the Land Use Ordinance already prescribes, it should not be in the Design Guidelines as a "should" because it could be contradictory/confusing.

The Planning Board will consider adopting the Design Guidelines at the next Planning Board meeting.

### **4. Sidewalk Plan**

James Bellissimo read through the introduction of the Sidewalk Plan.

Sean Winston suggested changing the graph from "OK" to "Fair" because the definition of OK is more subjective.

Paul Boisvert suggested talking with owners in between Memorial Field and Rochester Street and seeing if they would even want sidewalks in the area, where owners in that area have said in the past they did not want them so their kids could have more room to bike.

Dave Andreesen pointed out an existing segment already exists between Dobson and Old Pine Hill Road.

It was pointed out that on the Secondary Priority and Future Considerations, those segments should be asphalt, and would reduce the expected cost.

## **Information Items**

Niles Schore said for anyone interested in coming to the Public Hearing, the proposed amendments will be available online.

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Michael LaRue motioned to adjourn

**Second:** Sean Winston

**VOTED – 5-0 in favor**

**Motion Passed**

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Minutes prepared by Town Planning Technician James Bellissimo, for consideration at the Berwick Planning Board's August 16, 2018 meeting.

Signed as Approved by the Board:

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