

MINUTES
PLANNING BOARD
June 1, 2022
Via Zoom and in-person

Present: Deirdre Daley (Chair) -in person, Josh Muhonen (Vice-Chair) - in person, Shawn Talbot (Ex-Officio) - in person Craig Smeeth- in person, Ray Somero-in person, Lou Guarino- in person, Tim Somero-in person. Jennifer Minckler- in person. Elizabeth Freeman via zoom.

Deirdre Daley took roll call attendance.

Selectmen/Chair/Land Use Report: Selectman Shawn Talbot wanted to let everyone know that the Employee volunteer/Committee member appreciation lunch is Tuesday June 21, 2022 from 11:30 to 1:30pm. R.S.V.P is suggested but not required. Selectman Talbot suggested people bring a salad or dessert.

Tim Somero asked about the properties in town and mentioned that the salt shed was being looked at to be improved by volunteers. Shawn confirmed that it is being looked at as a Community Center, that the Police building is being reviewed and there will be a presentation in a couple of weeks to discuss taking over additional space at Bellows- Nichols and modifying the entire area for the Police Department. Selectman Talbot discussed the status of the house on Greenville Road. He also mentioned a walkthrough of Building 2 with Warwick Mills a couple of weeks ago. Tentatively, the Planning Board will do a walk through on June 15, 2022. Tim questioned the cemetery and a private citizen donating land and updates. Shawn is not aware of citizen donating land but mentioned the status of Smithville Cemetery.

Selectman Talbot informed the Planning Board that on June 14, 2022 Carrie Traffie, Health & Welfare Officer, will be presenting at the Select Board meeting. The topic of discussion will be homelessness in the region, state and locally. Residents are being transferred to larger towns and those cities/towns are now putting pressure on the state for legislation to be passed for towns to have facilities and housing for their own citizens. Chair Deirdre asked the Land Use Clerk to contact SWRPC about available transportation services working in communities like ours for those without transportation. Concern is if New Ipswich will have to provide for residents with no services available how we will be able to get them those services.

Selectman Talbot mentioned that there are applications submitted for the open Interim Inspector position being reviewed by the Select Board. There is to be a hiring committee formed for the Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer/FireChief full time position that may be created. The committee will consist of one Planning Board member, Conservation Commission, Fire Department, Police Department and Town Administrator. This may be a six month process with input from all departments. Chair Deidre asked Craig to review job description that is currently posted.

Land Use Clerk sent the invoice for Turnpike & Locke to Fieldstone for review of driveway agreement Attorney fees. Land Use Clerk notified the Somero's and the title company that the agreement was approved and can now be registered. Land Use Clerk spoke with SWRPC regarding the Commission job description and time commitment. There are two positions of which Jim Coffey holds one currently. This discussion is to be continued at the June 15, 2022 meeting. The report received from Kent Brown of Boynton Road is to be discussed at a future date.

The Chair, Deirdre Daley reported that the builder of Kennybeck/Cravens Way was notified that the winter over inspection needed to be done before paving done. Cravens Way was already previously done to set level and no additional paving needed there if the wintering over inspection does not identify any deficits. From the site visit of Brook Haven, there is one area of remediation where silt is running off into woodlands. Chair Deirdre needs to review the plans about potential wetland locations. Remediation letter is in draft format and will be completed and the Conservation Committee is to be copied on the letter. Chair Deidre will attach a copy of the plan to the letter when sent out.

Minutes of May 18, 2022: to be reviewed on June 15, 2022 meeting

Old/New Business: Underground Utilities- Boynton Hill has installed above ground utilities going to the first house being built at the top of the hill. The poles at Boynton Hill are running from the shared driveway to the

house. Chair Deirdre referenced the subdivision regulations regarding utility inspections. Conversation continued on this topic among the Board. It was determined that Boynton Hill is in violation of their approved plans at this time. Selectman Talbot had spoken with the developer who advised Eversource will not put underground in that location. The Board determined the developer should have come before the Board and have the plan amended. Another option would be for the Board of Selectmen to cease and desist pole work. Chair Deirdre will send the developer a letter but there were questions about who should communicate, content and who is responsible for enforcing subdivision plans. Liz quoted RSA 676:17 which states written notice must be provided by municipality regarding fees for lack of compliance with regulations. Liz suggests running this by legal counsel. Chair Deirdre will submit to Selectman Talbot and legal counsel. There was discussion of the need to complete inspections so this does not continue. Discussion of this matter and the master plan to be discussed at a later date.

Tim suggested scheduling solar group to meet and educate as an information source. Tim will figure out when they are available. Chair Deirdre suggested it be open to the public when scheduled.

Craig motioned to adjourn. Ray seconded. Motion carries.

Adjourn at 8:54pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Minckler
Land Use Administrator