



PLANNING BOARD

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Members: Pam Desjardins, Chair
Lisa Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer
Robert Sheehan, Member

Others Present: Jim Trompke, Vice Chair vis iphone

Absent: Kevin Brooks, Member

Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
One Library Lane, Old Carnegie Hall Library, Granby

APPOINTMENTS/AGENDA:

7:00 Administrative Duties

New Business:

Discussion: K-Pine Estates/Kevin Brooks.

Other Business:

By-law update

2014 Town Report

Old Business

Fee Schedule

Planning Board forms

Strategic Planning

CALL TO ORDER: Pam Desjardins called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES:

Pam Desjardins had a discussion with the Town Counsel and a Person from the State Ethics Commission Board regarding the incident at our hearing regarding Kevin Brooks behavior and his vote on K-Pine Phase II project. Both suggested that there was definitely reason to believe a violation had occurred.

Robert Sheehan, Jr. recused himself from this topic since this subject is making him uncomfortable. Pam Desjardins stated that there is no reason for Bob Sheehan to recuse himself since this is not in regards to a job connection with Kevin.

Pam stated that Town counsel suggested we send Kevin Brooks a letter asking him to give his reason for voting no and it needs to reflect our by-laws. Pam says that we as a Board cannot just say no to someone's project for personal reasons and it must follow our by-laws.

Pam stated that certain behavior is not tolerable during our meetings, and we as a elected official need to abide by a value system that we hold ourselves to.

Lisa Anderson wanted to know since she could not make that meeting why Kevin Brooks was given the opportunity to vote anyway. Since Kevin Brooks recused himself from this project at each meeting, hearing and for any discussion to do with K-Pines in the past two years of us seeing this project to completion.

Jim Trompke asked if it would be appropriate that Kevin Brooks even voted, for us to ask the Town Counsel or State Board, see what they say and bring it forward.

Pam restated that she already went to both entities Jim is talking about and they said it is Obvious that there was a violation and it is now up to our Board members as how we want to proceed with the issue, they will not tell us what direction to go in one way or the other. Pam suggest that there was never a real reason for Kevin saying no, then not show up for 3 or 4 meetings. Since Kevin has a NO vote on the record he is obligated to explain it.

Pam is asking the Board what they would like to see happen, or if at this time they would like to wait until there is a full Board and put it on our next agenda.

Jim Trompke stated that he would like to see it on our next agenda, and we as a full Board discuss it then. Pam says she will make sure it is on our next agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

Fee Schedule. Joe Mahue is at the meeting, and wants to know if we changed our fees schedule and if we did why did we not have public hearing to pass it.

Pam Desjardins stated that there was a committee that included Kevin Brooks, Jim Trompke and Robert Sheehan, Jr. to discuss and come up with new fee's and it met, produced its findings, and at a meeting presented the changes to the Board and the Board at that meeting approved the changes. Pam also stated that they thought the fee's schedule was a separate part and not part of our by-laws. We will revisit the fee's and make sure we have a hearing when they are completed

Lisa found and read the change that was added to the fee's schedule and read it to Joe Mahue. This was the only change made. After a discussion, the Board agreed that they should re-look at the fee's since now they have to pay Larry Smith to conduct the round table sessions with the department heads.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion was made to adjourn at 8:47p.m. by Robert Sheehan and seconded by Lisa Anderson. Motion carried 4 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.
- The next Planning Board meeting should be Monday January 26, 2015 at the Granby Carnegie Hall Building.

I, Lisa A. Anderson, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the January 12, 2015 Planning Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Anderson
Secretary