## TOWN OF VEAZIE PLANNING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

Call to order: 7:05 pm in Council Chambers @ 1084 Main St., Veazie, Maine.

Present: Don MacKay (Chairman), Andrew Brown, Tony Cappuccio (recorder of minutes), Kent Tableman & C.E.O John Larson. Several members of the public were in attendance.

7:08 Don MacKay made a motion to accept the minutes for August 17, 2015 meeting, Andy Brown seconds the motion. Vote 4-0 to accept.

7:09 Don MacKay brought us up to speed on the Town Council meeting about the Penobscot River Restoration Trust land at the site of the old Veazie Dam. There was a discussion of the Planning Board’s role in the process of the Town potentially acquiring the land, and the process described in the Town Charter. The Board felt that planning and zoning were within our area of responsibility, but not the financial matters. Those financial might better be addressed by the Conservation Commission and Town Manager. Among the other issues discussed were that the property is currently zoned Industrial, so what would be a proper zoning designation in the future, if were owned by the Town. Also discussed was what type of uses for the property would be acceptable, and what type of limitations should be implemented.

7:30 Laura Rose Day of the Penobscot River Trust phoned in for a conference with the Planning Board. She will supply specific documents needed, such as potential draft deeds with deed restrictions, but that the needed information was not yet available. The information from the Penobscot River Restoration Trust should become available in a few weeks. Again more ideas of use for the land were discussed, with comments from the members of the public. Possible usage ideas included: gazebo, farmers market, boat launch access, birding, fishing, snow shoeing, and camping.

8:18 C.E.O. John Larson presented a rough draft of the new sign ordinance. We voted (4-0) to amend the last line of the rough draft, so that the light output is limited to a maximum of 3200 nits (a nit is a unit of measure used in the LED light industry.) Mr. Larson will be posting an ad for a hearing on the new sign ordinance, to be held on Monday October 19, 2015.

8:50 We had a brief discussion on the Comprehensive Plan update, mainly getting ourselves in sync, for beginning the update. We are utilizing Google Docs to facilitate revisions and getting trained.

Next meeting is Monday, October 19, 2015

8:59 Andy Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Don MacKay seconded, Vote 4-0 to adjorn.