

Washington Planning Board

Minutes

August 6, 2013

- 0.0 Assembly: 6:30PM
 - 0.1 Members present:
Cook, Crandall, Marshall, Schwartz
 - 0.2 Alternates present: None
 - 0.3 Members and Alternates Absent: Dagesse, Kluk, Terani
 - 0.4 Visitors: None

Cook called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

- 1.0 Minutes: July 2, 2013 meeting. Cook had a typo correction and Schwartz will make that correction and repost the minutes. Marshall motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, Crandall seconded, all voted in favor.
- 2.0 Old Business:
 - 2.1 Master Plan – Schwartz spoke about the two Master Plan subcommittee meetings that had taken place since our last Planning Board meeting. The first was a planning meeting held on July 15th attended by the Planning Board members and the second meeting, on July 29th, was attended by the entire new subcommittee. She had the minutes available from both meetings. The members of the subcommittee are Jean Kluk, Steve Terani, Annie Bissonnette, Jim Crandall, Carolyn Bullock, Nan Schwartz, Bob Williams and Lolly Gilbert, along with Monica Scanlan and Beth Litrico, who are only here on weekends but want to help and be involved in the project. Kluk is the chair of the committee and Schwartz is taking the notes and minutes. This meeting was a “meet and greet” session where Kluk passed out notebooks with pertinent documents to everyone on the subcommittee. The goal for the subcommittee is to go through the notebook materials and come up with questions for the community survey. The committee had received some good input from town committees, departments and commissions, which is being compiled. The subcommittee is meeting this Friday morning, August 9th, at 8AM at the Elementary School to work on the community survey and all are welcome to attend. Crandall commented that someone on the subcommittee wanted to make sure that the Selectmen end up getting information they can use to make future decisions.
 - 2.2 Business permits – Thunder Mountain Construction - Cullen, Snell Construction & Excavation. We will move this item to the September meeting.
 - 2.3 Crandall spoke about an issue he has, feeling that the Planning Board is taking too much interest in the Town Buildings, which are the responsibility of the Selectmen. Schwartz commented that our interest is in large capital projects that become part of the Capital Improvements Program, which we are responsible for. The CIP aids the Selectmen in budgeting and their decisions and planning. Crandall made a motion that the Planning Board recognize in accordance with NH RSA 41:11, that the Selectmen have full and sole responsibility for all town buildings.
The language in the RSA is as follows:
CHOICE AND DUTIES OF TOWN OFFICERS, Section 41:11-a, Town Property.

I. The selectmen shall have authority to manage all real property owned by the town and to regulate its use, unless such management and regulation is delegated to other public officers by vote of the town, or is governed by other statutes, including but not limited to RSA 31:112, RSA 35-B, RSA 36-A:4, and RSA 202-A:6.

II. The authority under paragraph I shall include the power to rent or lease such property during periods not needed for public use, provided, however, that any rental or lease agreement for a period of more than one year shall not be valid unless ratified by vote of the town.

III. Notwithstanding paragraph II, the legislative body may vote to authorize the board of selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years without further vote or ratification of the town. Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the legislative body at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect.

Marshall seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

We then had a discussion about Crandall's issue that no member of the Planning Board was appointed by the PB to the Meeting House Committee and no one was appointed officially to the Safety Complex Committee. Schwartz said that she and Kluk were asked to be on the SC committee by other SC committee members because of their association with the Planning Board and their familiarity with the findings of the CIP subcommittee, as this would be helpful in the planning phases of that project. Selectmen were also asked to be members because they are Selectmen and their input is important to the committee. Other members of the Safety Complex Committee represent Fire, Police, Rescue, EOC departments and the public. Marshall felt that the Planning Board should officially appoint Kluk and Schwartz to the committee at our next meeting. Everyone agreed.

3.0 New Business: None

4.0 Driveway permits:

4.1 Don Revane, Lempster Mt. Rd, TM11-26, requesting a permanent driveway for logging, Thayer checked and commented that the property owner will need to buy a "Blind Driveway" sign and have the DPW put it up. Cook, Marshall and Schwartz all went out to check the site and had no further comments. Schwartz made a motion to approve the permit, Crandall seconded, all voted in favor.

5.0 Mergers: None.

6.0 Communications:

6.1 Intent to Cut, Corbett, Dole Schoolhouse Rd., TM21-06

6.2 Intent to Cut, Revane, Lempster Mt Road, TM 11-26

6.3 NHDES, Shoreland Permit App, Porter., TM14-485, application returned because it needs a Natural Heritage Bureau letter

6.4 NHDES, acceptance of application for septic, Porter, King Street, TM 14-485

6.5 Intent to Cut, Earley, Rt 31 N, TM 1-2

6.6 Copy of Wetlands Permit for NH Electric Coop, TM 14 – 417, 418, 508, Marlow Rd., 165, 167, 168, Ashuelot Pond

6.7 Project Review from from NH Division of Historical Resources for the NH Electric Coop project in Ashuelot Pond.

7.0 Meeting date for next Planning Board meeting, September 3, 2013, at 6:30PM.

8.0 Adjournment: Time 7:32PM
Motioned by Crandall, seconded by Marshall, all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nan Schwartz