

Alna Planning Board Minutes

Date: September 3, 2019

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Present

Members: Peter Tischbein, Beth Whitney, Tom Albee, Jeff Spinney,
Taylor McGraw (alternate), Laurie Hiestand (alternate)

CEO: Tom McKenzie

Public: Ian Messier, Dick Morgan, Shoshanna Starks, Kim Weeks, Anne Stires,
Maranda Nemith, Chris Cooper, Kirk Lynch

Press: none

Minutes: Minutes of August 6, 2019 meeting accepted as presented

Recent Planning Board files have been reorganized downstairs so they are back in service. Older files that were unearthed in the move from the old Town Office will need work.

Business:

1. Tucker Neale - Business Permit for tree service & portable sawmill - no show - Beth will call him for our October meeting.

2. Crooker Construction - gravel pit blasting permit renewal - Ian Messier, Dick Morgan and Shoshanna Starks - Review of 2018-19 activities & proposal for 2019-20. See attached bound report.

Last year we approved the one-acre test site for blasting. It was successful so they would like to expand to another 40 acres.

The bound report provided information on the testing of land owners' wells and blasting statistics. There have been no issues with the seismographs. Most of the abutters have dug or spring fed wells that can't be tested for turbidity. Kim Weeks, the only abutter in attendance, has had no issues with her 4' dug well

Moved & seconded to accept their report contingent upon receipt of a procedural summary written in layman's terms which compares their statistics to industry standards, as requested by Peter. Motion passed. Ian will e-mail the summary to Beth. (received 9/4/19)

The bound report also included their 2019-2020 plans which included an application to expand potential blasting sites to another 40 acres. They have received approval from the DEP for this.

Moved & seconded to approve the 2019-20 plans, including the 40-acre expansion, contingent on receipt of confirmation of DEP permit as requested by Peter - motion passed. Ian will e-mail the permit info to Beth. (received 9/4/19)

Because of how busy they are at this time of year, Ian requested that the approval be extended so that the next review would happen in February 2021. Moved & seconded to do that. Motion passed.

3. Juniper Hill - parking plan

Anne Stires outlined their basic plan and described their access road and "spur." See her handout attached to minutes.

We requested that she submit a drawing of the area for our files and an expanded parking control plan for various sized events. The regular school day doesn't seem to be a problem. The complaint we received was about parking on Golden Ridge during special events.

We will see her again at our October meeting.

4. Maranda Nemeth - tree removal as part of the Head Tide Dam project

They have left 4 larger diameter trees that they want to remove because they are very likely not to survive the construction process. They are willing to replace them.

Chris Cooper is doing the work and made some recommendations as to what to plant.

Moved & seconded to allow the removal the 4 trees in question & to replace them with some smaller statured trees to keep a tree presence on the bank, contingent on receipt of a diagram sent to Beth for the records. Motion passed.

5. Kirk Lynch - business permit for Detailed Design and Fabrication LLC (design services & light manufacturing)

Kirk will be doing 3-D CAD and drafting. He will also be making metal plates for trusses (including welding and a CNC plasma cutter).

His loudest piece of machinery is a hand grinder but in his remote location that shouldn't bother anyone.

Kirk expects nothing bigger than regular UPS trucks for deliveries. He is well outside of the Shoreland Zone and does not plan to have a sign at this point in time. Parking should not be a problem.

Motion made & seconded to approve the business permit. Motion passed.

6. Other - Ruth Jones hasn't paid her business permit fee yet - Jeff will contact her.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2019

Adjourn: 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Whitney
Planning Board Secretary