

Date: December 3, 2019

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Present:

Members: Jim Amaral, Tom Albee, Jeff Spinney, Taylor McGraw, Laurie Hiestand

Minutes: Minutes of November 12, 2019 meeting were accepted unanimously as presented.

Business:

1. Juniper Hill School – Parking Plan
2. Jeff Spinney Permit

Ann Stires was not present at time meeting began so we moved on to the permit application for Jeff Spinney received in the Planning Board mailbox.

Public Comment:

Receipt of Spinney Shoreland zoning application.

There were over 20 public members in the audience. Some members of the public asked what new permit had been submitted to the town.

The Chairman noted he could only respond personally to these public comments/questions at this time and would not chair the meeting when this topic is actually acted upon at a future meeting. No action was to be taken on the application at this meeting.

When asked what the application was, he showed the audience what each page of the application was and allowed them to review the submitted application as it was received by the planning board. He noted it was a replacement permit as requested by the board in a previous meeting.

The public took the opportunity to ask him to explain the general process for this application with the town. Jeff explained he has completed an NRPA application which is intended to simplify the process and bring all the other agencies in interest into this application. He also said that the public is encouraged to reach out to the DEP and Army Corps of Engineers throughout the application process and noted that many of them have already done so. For those who have not, the DEP contact is Jami MacNeil and the Army Corps contact person is Jay Clement.

The public asked if Jeff had formally created a legal entity with regards to his club and he responded that he has formed an LLC and it is registered with the Secretary of State and called Golden Ridge Sportsman's Club and may look into making it a non-profit.

Questions were asked about what kind of use he expected of his club and he said, generally, fishing and hunting. Someone asked him about jet skis and the safety of children and Jeff indicated there are no specific plans for jet skis.

Additional questions centered around the progress of the application and the use of the property. It was indicated that until all the other agencies have approved the permits, the planning board would not review the project further.

Due to the interest of the public on this matter, Jeff said he thought the town would likely have some kind of public forum for all to come and discuss their concerns. He said he, or whomever is chairing at that time, would discuss any requirements with the Selectmen and the board as appropriate.

It was asked by the public if they could send in ideas/concerns to be addressed at the next meeting and the suggestion was to have the public send them to Alnaclerk@gmail.com.

The public is encouraged to bring any/all items for discussion to the Planning Board as an agenda item, as long as it meets posting requirements.

Juniper Hill School-Parking Plan

Applicant: Ann Stires

The chairman opened by noting that the project was not yet complete. There had been a new set of plans presented to the Planning Board, but no gravel has been delivered to the school to finish the new parking areas. The applicant said the

school did not have the money in this year's budget for this and would have to do some planning for it to be part of next year's budget.

The Chairman asked if this plan would allow for higher enrollment in the school. Ann said she has less students than when she started the school and more parking so was confident it was more than adequate.

The real concern that the Planning Board had about parking was that cars were parked out on Golden Ridge Rd occasionally and that was dangerous and unsafe as it is a narrow road and Fire trucks need to get by there. Ann assured the Planning Board that she, personally, sees to the parking by being at the roadside during events. She said parking is a priority for the school, but she wants the plan approved before she started to spend money.

There was discussion about giving her additional time ** to complete the parking as they need to raise funds for it.

**Footnote: The Planning Board had a similar parking request from the W W F for time to complete their project and the town had given them 5 years to complete, so this exception for Juniper Hill School was not unprecedented.

Tom made a motion to accept the plan as presented to be completed within 2 years.

Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman indicated that the Planning Board would issue a letter to confirm the approval.

Next Meeting: January 7, 2020

Adjourn: It was moved and seconded unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Hiestand
Planning Board Secretary

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