

DATE: March 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

PRESENT:

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

Public: Christopher Cooper, Ralph Hilton, Gary Hayward, Maria Jenness, A Stires, Paul Tenan, Jon Luoma, Cathy Johnson, Doreen Conboy, Dorothy Bendee, Honor Sage, Donna Flynn, Tom Aldrich, Jeff Verney, Dick Picard, Bill Weary

Press: Jessica Clifford

Tom Albee called the meeting to order as the Acting Chair of the meeting as Jeff Spinney has recused himself from his post for the consideration of his permit.

A quorum was present. Postings were completed for the record.

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 and February 4, 2020 were circulated and approved.

Agenda items

By Laws for the Planning Board.

It was noted that the town Selectmen have recommended that the Planning Board have Robert Faunce assist with the drafting of the By-Laws. It was discussed that he has served various municipalities with planning and will be in an advisory capacity.

Taylor made a motion that the Board accept the recommendation of the Selectmen to use Mr Faunce as an advisor. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Agenda item

Shoreland Zoning Spinney NRPA application

The Spinney application requires State and Federal approval before the Planning Board can vote on it. This would include Final DEP and Army Corps of Engineers permits. At the time of the meeting Spinney noted he had a draft DEP permit and a final Army Corps of Engineers permit.

Pete Tischbein stated that he has recused himself from voting on the matter at the Alna Planning Board and has also recused himself from the application process at the US Army Corps of Engineers, where he is employed.

The permit and fee were received by the Planning Board with the draft DEP permit and final Army Corps of Engineers permit. Spinney also presented a draft finding of fact.

He noted that the ramp and dock would be used by his non-profit club called the Golden Ridge Sporting Club. He said the placement of the ramp and float system anchors are outside of the high tide mark in order to conform to the stricter Shoreland Zoning ordinance.

He presented the following additional items:

Dredging permit for Army Corps of Engineers

Letter from town attorney noting that a public hearing is not required for an application presented to the Planning Board.

Acting Chairman, Tom Albee recommended that the Planning Board schedule a meeting to review the entire package at another time.

Member Jim Amaral suggested we have a site visit of the property since few of the members had seen the site. A date of March 13th at 5 pm was set for the site visit at the Spinney property.

Tom Albee asked the applicant to review the MMA checklist for his application.

-Summary

-Applicable Jurisdiction

-Determine if there is conflict or bias

-Determine standing of Applicant

Assuming that those items are complete, then determine if any abutters have any concerns.

Public Comment:

At this point a member of the public asked whether a business permit had been applied for at the town. The applicant stated that he has applied for the permit as a property owner.

Another member recommended that if all of this information is presented to the public, then the public should have an opportunity to review and comment.

Member Jim Amaral made a motion that the applicant provide the materials presented in electronic format so the material can be reviewed by the Planning Board members.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

He also made a motion that the material be provided to the public in electronic format as well. All of the committee members were in favor of providing the entire application for public review. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

And due to the concerns of the public, Jim Amaral made a motion to have a public hearing on this matter. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Jeff Spinney asked if the town attorney, Amanda Meader, could be in attendance at the next meeting which was to be the site visit and at any public hearing.

A member of the public asked that the public have an opportunity to speak at a public hearing as well. The Chair acknowledged and then said our next steps are a site visit and review of all of the documents.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura M Hiestand

Secretary to the Alna Planning Board.

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