

Alna Planning Board Minutes

Date: May 12, 2020

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Present:

Members: Peter Tischbein, Tom Albee, Jeff Spinney, Laurie Hiestand

Public: Mark Desmeules, Jonathon Gold, Bailey Bolen, Carol Ervin, Betsey Hall, Allen Philbrick, Colin Roesler, William Weary, Donna Flynn, William Wood, Honor Sage, Maria Jenness, Carol Gardner, Thomas Aldrich, Rebecca Tilden, Patricia Chaney, Ed Pentaleri, Jesse Cheney, Jeff Philbrick, Chris Kenoyer, Joan Belcher, Cathy Johnson, Carrie Kipfer, Jon Villeneuve, Collin Culbertson, Steven Cheff, True Renda, Catherine Burke, Joy Barth

Press: Susan Johns, Jessica Clifford

Guests: Tom McKenzie, Bob Faunce

Minutes: Minutes of March 10, 2020 meeting and March 20, 2020 site visit accepted as presented.

Jeff made a motion to change the order of business to hear the Cheney application first. Motion was seconded and passed.

Business:

Jesse Cheney: Requested business permit and paid fee to build sheds on his property as a seasonal business. He was asked about the timing during the day and that it only be done during daylight hours so as not to disturb neighbors with the sound of equipment running. He said his intention was to only build in the daytime and he takes the orders by phone and delivers the sheds to the buyers' property.

Tom made a motion to approve as presented and it was seconded and passed. Secretary will send a letter with the notice of approval and his business will be listed in the Alna Business Directory.

Joan Belcher: Shoreland Zoning application received and fee paid to place a small greenhouse made of plexiglass and wood on her property at 111 Sheepscot Rd in the shoreland zone. Location is Map R1, Lot 46. The size of lot is just under $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Peter asked about whether the application was complete as they are relevant attachments that should be with the permit. The Resource Protection Zone is 150 feet from the high tide line and it must be built above that.

Jeff asked who would do the measuring and Peter said that usually the applicant would do that but Jeff asked that Tom McKenzie, CEO measure the site Pete asked that he verify the baseline of the RPZ.

A site visit was scheduled for May 15, 2020 at 5:30 PM. It was also asked of the applicant to provide more detail in her application, ie: that no trees would be removed, no road or excavation. Jeff also asked the applicant to provide more information from the company installing the greenhouse. No further action will be made on this application until after the application is more complete and the site visit has been completed.

Jeff asked that Tom please sign his letter about this matter and in the future to use Alna town letterhead.

By-Laws:

Bob Faunce, who was asked by the Alna Selectmen to assist the Planning Board with the creation of By-laws, spoke briefly introducing himself. He noted that some members of the public have made comments that he has incorporated into his draft. He recommended that the Alna Planning Board adopt By-laws and said that the Board can amend them over time as issues may arise

Peter noted that we will need to take our time to review the comments.

Bob did a review of his draft to the members of the Board. He said he had incorporated public comment to his Draft #2 and said he would send the draft and comments to the Secretary for distribution. Jeff suggested that Bob should

field public comments and incorporate them into his Draft, then have a workshop(s) as needed to finalize the By-laws. Comments were to be sent to the Alna Clerk and then sent to Bob for review for this next round of review and would be shared with the board as the Draft is updated.

Public Comment:

Ed Pentaleri asked if all documents relating to an application should be included with the agenda and made public. Bob said that the applicant should be able to make their case before the Board on their application without doing that.

Others asked if the Board would consider the Zoom Meeting rather than the webinar format for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn: 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Laura Hiestand

Planning Board Secretary

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