

Haverhill Planning Board Minutes Jan. 26, 2016

Draft Subject to Review, Correction, and Approval at Following Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Don Hammond

Planning Board members present:

Don Hammond

Tara Krause

Tom Friel

Mike Simpson

Clerk Ed Ballam was present.

Mike Bonanno was excused.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

2. Designation of Alternates

No alternates to designate

3. Agenda Approval

Tara K. made a motion to approve the agenda. Tom F. seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mike S. made a motion to approve the minutes. Tara K seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. Scheduled Public Appearances previously scheduled.

None

6. Correspondence/Communications

Ed B. mentioned that the State Office of Energy and Planning was having its annual spring training in Concord in April 23. The registration period will open on Feb. 22. Ed B. said he would look for the course offerings before the next meeting.

7. Reports of Committees

None

8. Pending Business

Don H. asked the board members if they wanted to work on the subdivision regulation review. Tara K. said she didn't want to at this meeting. Mike S. said he wasn't interested in doing so either and he didn't have his copy of the regulations either. The discussion was postponed.

9. New Business (Applications)

Don H. asked the board to consider a voluntary lot merger submitted by the Rupperts for property on Valley Road and Gateway Drive in Mountain Lakes, further identified as Tax Map 203 Lots 319 and 320.

Tom F. said any time any time anyone wants to put two lots together in Mountain, it's a good thing. Tom F. said one lot .72 and .84 and the combination of the two would make one lot that's about 1.5 acres which gives more space for septic system placement.

Mike S. made a motion to approve the merger. Tom F. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Ed B. said the fee has been paid and he asked that Don H. sign the original for recording at the registry of deeds. Don H. signed the application.

Also under new business, Ed B. reminded the board he had created and sent a report for the Planning Board for the annual town report. He asked if anyone had any comments corrections or concerns. Don H. and Mike S. said they had both seen it.

Tom F. said he had not seen it, but would like to. He said he cannot open Doc. X files. Ed B. said it was sent as a PDF. Tom F. said he hadn't looked and was having trouble with his email. Ed B. said he would get a copy from the office. Tom F. said he didn't need it and wasn't going to worry about it.

Mike S. said the only comment he had was whether the board should be advocating for the five-person board.

Tom F. said it was a necessity. Don H. asked Tom F. he had spoken with the selectboard and he said he had and they are in favor of the change especially after the Dec. 14 -15 fiascos. Tom F. said that Mike B. is running for selectboard and said that would reduce the number of members on the planning board. Tom F. also said he was working with a resident to have that person join, but he was not prepared to say who it was.

There was some discussion about who was running for selectboard. Tom F. said the board should not be talking about personalities as it has been a "sore subject" in the past board meetings.

Ed B. said he put the election of officers on the agenda just to make everybody was on the same page. He said it was last done in April 2015, and he thought that was appropriate this year as well, but he just wanted to make sure the board was on the same page. Tom F. said under article 4 section 8, page 3 the election of officer is supposed to happen in April. Ed B. said he was just checking because it was done in another month previously.

10. Other New Business

None

11. Public Appearances (Not Previously Scheduled)

None

12. Comments of the Clerk

None

13. Comments of the Planning Board

Tom F. said it's the end of the year and that if any member of the board had unexcused absences for three consecutive months or five absences in a year, a letter shall be sent to the chairman of the board of selectmen for determination if any action is necessary. He asked if the board had any one fitting that description. He said he was "dotting the 'I' and crossing the 't'."

Tara K. asked if she had been unexcused. Ed B. said he wasn't going to get in the middle of that debate and would do whatever the board decided. Don H. said Tara K. had always been excused as far as he knew. Tara K. said if Tom F. wants to terminate her, she was all for it. Don H. said no, that wasn't going to happen. Don H. said no action was required.

14. Other

None

15. Adjournment/Next Regular Meeting

Don H. asked for a motion to adjourn which was offered by Tara K. and seconded by Mike S. The vote was unanimous. The meeting concluded at 7:22.

The next meeting scheduled meeting is Feb. 23, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Ballam, Planning Board Clerk