

READSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, May 18th, 2017

Readsboro School Auditorium

6:00pm

Approved Minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm with the following present: Susan Bailey, Chair, Inger Strom-Henriksen, Eunice Crowell, Priscilla Margola, Secretary. Forest Hicks was absent. Guest: Larry Hopkins.

Reviewed the Draft minutes of March 21st with several corrections that needed to be made. These were done and the final presented to the Board. Eunice made a Motion to accept as corrected, Inger seconded, so voted. Susan asked Priscilla to get these minutes to Rebecca Stone as soon as possible for posting on the website and a draft copy in the Planning notebook in the Town Clerk's Office.

Rebecca Stone has ~~withdrawn her application for~~ declined the position of Zoning Administrator, citing personal reasons.

Chair stated that she had received another application and will proceed as needed. We try to make every candidate aware of the complex duties that are required to render a fair and equitable decision. He or she must review the Zoning Bylaws very carefully before passing the application onto the DRB. All information required must be on the application such as where the parcel is located, names of abutters, description of what the applicant is wanting to do, approximate cost of the project, whether they must apply to the State of Vermont for water/waste approvals. One can find most of the information needed in the land records. It was suggested that a sheet be added to the Zoning Application detailing what is required when requesting a Zoning Permit Application.

Chair had received a copy of a very long letter written by John Whitman and the contents were reviewed. Planning Commission will draft a response.

The last section in the Town Plan, Chapter 5: Natural Resources was reviewed. There were some changes suggested. Chair will review these and add the corrections to the final rendering. Eunice stated that there are new rules in place regarding farming operations and how they are registered, Readsboro has one farm remaining. Larry will check with Green Mountain Forest to see if there are any new parcels acquired since the last survey was done in 2007. A Public Hearing will need to be planned for the residents of Readsboro to go over the new Town Plan. Once approved, this will be valid for another 5 years.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm with a Motion by Eunice and seconded by Inger, so voted. Our next meeting will be on June 15th, 2017.

Priscilla Margola, Secretary