

ACTON PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 21, 2015 (approved June 4, 2015)

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Chip Venell – Chairman
Tom Cashin – Vice Chairman
Jessica Donnell
Yoli Gallagher
Art Kelly
Gavin Maloney – Alternate
Bob Smith - Alternate

Also present: Ken Paul, CEO; Brenda Charland, Recording Secretary; Virginia DeBoer, Video Recorder; Dale Barrows, Tom Gore, Thomas Harmon, Civil Consultants, Charles Pizzelli

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the May 7, 2015 Minutes: Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Ms. Donnell, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Relative to Historical Structures: The Chairman noted that the two town attorneys have expressed the opinion that the citizens' proposed amendment is not in compliance with the Town of Acton's Comprehensive Plan. The response from MMA supports that opinion. Mr. Smith stated that though he agrees with the citizens' right to petition, based on the opinions of three sources, he moves that the Planning Board members recommend that the proposed amendment is not moved forward. Ms. Gallagher seconded the motion. The Chairmen declared that Mr. Cashin will refrain from voting on this motion, therefore, Mr. Smith, as Alternate, will vote. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Thomas Harmon, P.E/, P.L.S, Civil Consultants, Conditional Use Application for Mineral Extraction, Map 207, Lot 001, H Road: Mr. Harmon presented the Board with a pre-application for mineral extraction on the portion of the property that was not included in the original Moose Pond Village Subdivision.
- Bruce and Karen McPherson, 115 Stonewall Drive, Map 128, Lot 001, Best Practical Location Application: applying to demolish existing house and deck, construct a 28' x 40 structure, replace deck with patio, replace retaining wall and install new septic system. Motion made by Ms. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Cashin, to approve the application with the condition that the structure be moved three feet further from the shoreline, all disturbed areas be revegetated and storm water mitigation practices be included.

Other:

- Discussion of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, requested by Mr. Cashin, was held until after 8:00 in order to adhere to election laws.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to recommend that the two referendum articles relative to Resource Protection that were proposed by the Board of Selectmen

(Question #1 and #2) ought not to pass and request that the Town Clerk publicly express that stance in any manner that is legal. The motion passed 2 – 1.

Motion by Mr. Cashin, second by Ms. Donnell, to recommend that the referendum article relative to Resource Protection that was proposed by the Planning Board (Question #3) ought not to pass. The motion failed 1 – 3.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.