

# Town of Acton, Maine Planning Board Meeting

## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** August 15, 2019

**Members Present:** Joyce Bakshi, Chair  
Gavin Maloney  
Leslie Berlan  
Yoli Gallagher  
Donovan Lajoie, Executive Secretary (Alternate)  
Dennis Long (Alternate)

**Members Absent:** Tom Cashin, Vice Chair (Excused)

Also present: Ken Paul, CEO; Brenda Charland, Land Use Secretary; Arnie Martel; Joe Stanly, Line Pro; Billy Plante, Charles Crespi, Robin Ham, Nancy Smith, Janice Whitney, Daniel Whitney

**Call to Order:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum.

### Approval of Minutes

- **August 1, 2019:** Dennis Long moved to accept the minutes of August 1, 2019 as written. Leslie Berlan seconded; motion passed 5-0.

### Old Business

- **Martel, Youngs Ridge Road; Proposed 22 Lot Subdivision; New Business:** Arnie Martel said he is still waiting on a few things from Southern Maine Planning and Development but the DEP is right on track. The Chair stated once they receive the information from Southern Maine Planning and Development and DEP, they will move forward with the Public Hearing.
- **C. A. Plante, West Shore Road, Map 230, Lot 006 Mineral Extraction Application:** Joe Stanley of Line Pro presented plans showing the grade of the proposed Gravel Pit. Bill Plante explained that the soil tests he has done are all sandy gravel so he isn't worried about the water runoff. A site walk was discussed but will not be planned until the application is accepted.
- **York County Agriculture Association, 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Map 241, Lot 003;** A new plan was presented by Joe Stanley of Line Pro. The plan showed the proposed parking area with a capacity for 429 cars; they only expect to meet this maximum once or twice a year. Mr. Stanley spoke with Roger Ridley who said the Association is supportive of using the new lot to reduce parking along the Route 109. Members will review this application again at the next meeting; a site walk was discussed but no date has been set. Joe Stanley also stated he will get in touch with the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Road Association to keep them informed.

**Code Enforcement:**

- **Zoning:**

The CEO discussed two items he would like Members to consider when workshops resume in September: docks in the Shoreland and short-term rentals.

He talked about the description of a dock in the ordinance and gave examples of what a lot of people have for docks on the lakes. He stated that Members need to decide if they would like it enforced, which would require the town to hire another inspector, or eliminate it from the ordinance as other towns have done.

The CEO spoke of the increase in short term rentals in town and how it is affecting neighbors and the lakes. He would like the Planning Board to discuss how they will regulate this type of business in town.

**Housekeeping:** The Chair reminded members that bi-weekly Planning Board workshops will resume in September alternating with the weeks of Planning Board meetings.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.