

Town of Acton, Maine Planning Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 19, 2019

Members Present: Joyce Bakshi, Chair
Leslie Berlan
Yoli Gallagher
Dennis Long
Jim Crowley (Alternate)

Absent: Gavin Maloney, Interim Vice Chair (excused)

Also present: Ken Paul, CEO; Brenda Charland, Land Use Secretary; Mike Corey, Video Recorder

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Introduction of New Planning Board Member: The Chair introduced Jim Crowley, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, as a new Alternate Member to serve on the Planning Board.

Approval of Minutes

December 5, 2019: Dennis Long moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2019 as written. Leslie Berlan seconded; motion passed 4-0-1.

New Business:

- **William Wood, 35 Oriole Road, Map 138, Lot 019:** The Applicant is applying add a 14' by 24' addition to the side of the existing home, currently less than 10 feet from the water. Members discussed the possibility of moving the structure further from the water; they decided they would need to do a site walk.

A Site Walk is scheduled for January 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance regarding Docks and Other Shoreland Construction: The CEO talked about changes to the Zoning Ordinance that were discussed at the Planning Board Workshop relative to section 2.7.5 Other Uses and 5.16 Docks and Other Shoreland Construction.

Dennis moved to submit the proposed changes to the Ordinance relative to Section 2.7.5 Other Uses and Section 5.16 Docks and Other Shoreland Construction to the Board of Selectmen to be included on the Warrant at the Town Meeting in June, 2020. Leslie Berlan seconded; motion passed 5-0. (See Addendum)

Short Term Rentals: Short Term Rentals in the Town of Acton was discussed. Members talked about safety issues, permitting and enforcement.

Ben Smith: Consensus of Board Members was to contract with Ben Smith, Professional Planner, and his team to assist and advise with Planning Board Review.

The CEO will invite Mr. Smith to the Planning Board Workshop scheduled for January 8, 2020.

Planning Board Alternate: The Chair explained that the Selectmen have tabled the appointment of the new Planning Board Alternate until the January 8, 2020 Selectmen's meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.