

Planning Board Meeting Minutes August 10, 2022

Present: Bill Brooks, Jim Brodeur, Warren Facey, Emily Yazwinski, Elizabeth Tubergen, 3 selectmen

Call to Order: 7:01 Jim Brodeur

7:04 Public Hearing

- Tree removal on Scenic Road and East Hill Road
- Lance Fritz: Strongly in favor of trees being removed
- Work will be funded by a grant, hired out
- Powerlines are across the road
- All quotes under 50k
- Peter Tuzinski: Does the board know exactly which trees are coming down?
- All poles will stay in a 3-5 foot radius of current location
- Emily motions to recommend the marked trees removed, Warren seconds, All vote in favor of removal

- Discussion about Scenic Roads: town voted all roads in Leyden are scenic roads in the 90s
Jim suggests planning board addresses this language in the next meeting
- Peter and Warren say the dirt roads in Leyden were made scenic roads in the 80s to preserve the scenic nature of the town
- Peter talks about Frizzell Hill project- state funds were accepted and many trees were taken down thus they introduced the scenic roads legislation
- Peter thinks it's pointless to revisit, says no one has complained about the scenic road legislation
- Jim brings up stone wall rules and people tearing them down, wants to raise awareness about scenic roads
- Audience agrees information needs to be spread differently
- Peter says planning board used to enforce building regulations and the Franklin County Building Inspectors don't know Leyden bylaws well

7:25 Member David Curtis arrived to meeting.

7:28 Reorganization of the board

- Motion to nominate Jim as chair
- Motion to nominate Elizabeth as clerk
- Both motions seconded and passed
- Emily suggests readdressing meeting times come fall
- Jim asks to meet Sept 7, board agrees
- Jim says Planning Board needs FRCOG rep; Dave volunteers
- Jim motions to nominate Dave, recommends giving FRCOG a copy of Leyden bylaws

-Dave is voted in as FRCOG rep

-Emily says planning board decided last meeting that Jim will sift through out of town public hearings instead of including all correspondence in meetings

7:39 Minutes reviewed

-Warren motions to accept minutes

-Minutes were approved unanimously

7:40 No correspondence

7:41 Discussion of alternate planning board member

-Sarah Bartholomew volunteers to be alternate

-Sarah has been in construction for 10-15 years

-Emily motions, Warren seconds, all vote in favor

-Sarah accepts

7:44 Approval Not Required Plan

-256 Greenfield Road- Jan Kuznik

-2 acre parcel 407 feet of frontage—meets requirements

-Access from the front

-Dave is concerned about water coming off the driveway cut-in, Kuzniks will discuss with highway department

-Emily motions to endorse, Elizabeth seconds, all in favor

8:03 Approval not required plan for Coates Road

-AJ wants to convey lots 1A and 2A—not a building lot—will build an agricultural building on 1A

-Dave says to check rules of 61A

-Emily says 61A allows ag. buildings

-“conservation lots” are still marked, cemetery is now marked, “Parcel A” is a pond owned by the trust with a right of way

-Emily motions, Warren seconds, all endorse the plan

8:18 Plans signed

-Emily motions to adjourn, Warren seconds, all in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Tubergen, Clerk

