

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Merry Ruggirello called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Also present were Members Ian McInnis, Karen Demers, Marla Walls, Gary Tomlinson and Harold Platts, and Alternates Ed Skroback and Melanie Marzola. Also present was Boake Morrison. A quorum was present.

Minutes

July 17, 2019

Gary made a motion to accept the minutes of July 17, 2019 as written; Karen seconded. Roll call vote: Gary-yes, Marla-yes, Ian-yes, Harold-yes, Karen-yes, Merry-yes.

NEW BUSINESS

BOAKE MORRISON GRAVEL PIT

Boake was back for the continuation of the grandfather issue on his gravel pit. Merry informed the Board that she, Harold and Ed went to Boake's pit on July 19th to inspect the area and see where he has dug and where he intends to dig. It had been several years since the Board had visited Boake's pit. Merry mentioned that there was some growth taking over, forming a natural reclamation, in some sections of the pit. Merry added that the gravel pit wasn't as close to the water as the Board had originally thought. The Board has a partial timeline of the events that occurred regarding grandfathering in the Town. Discussion ensued regarding Boake's efforts to meet with Selectmen during the timeframe he was required to report his intentions to the regulatory authority. Since there was no Planning Board at the time, the Selectmen were the regulators. Merry read RSA 155-E:2-1d to the Board. Some Board members felt that Boake had made sufficient effort to meet with the Selectmen at the time and make his intentions known regarding his gravel pit. The Clerk had not yet reviewed the old Selectmen's minutes to see if there was mention of Boake being on the agenda or attempting to discuss his gravel pit. Harold mentioned that during the time period in question, Boake had proven the Town knew he had a gravel pit because he provided pages of Town reports indicating gravel was purchased from Boake by the Town. In addition, Harold mentioned that during the same time period, Boake was told that he had to take all of his property out of current use because the property was considered a gravel pit. Boake confirmed this and stated that it is still all out of current use. Ed mentioned that in the old days everyone did deals by the shake of a hand and paperwork wasn't deemed so important and necessary. Boake said that he recently spoke with some of the Selectmen from the time period and they were aware of his gravel pit (Braley, Albert Bean). Boake added that Albert Bean (Beanie) stated that "whatever the State said, we wouldn't have done anyway." Marla said that she feels Boake's situation is unique as far as the grandfathering goes. Marla made a motion to retroactively grant grandfathering to Boake's gravel pit and deem that he made a good faith effort to meet the requirements necessary for grandfathering a gravel pit per RSA 155-E; Harold seconded. Roll call vote: Marla-yes, Gary-yes, Ian-yes, Harold-yes, Merry-no, Karen-no. The Clerk will send a copy of the minutes to Boake for his files.

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There was no other business brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Marla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm; Gary seconded. The next Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at **6:00** pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Marzola, Planning Board Clerk