

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bryan Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Also present were Members Alyssa Dunn, Harold Platts, Merry Ruggirello, Selectmen's Representative Chet Caron, Alternates Ed Skroback and Doug Sirotnak. A quorum was present. Also present were Chris Richardson, Mary Hardiman and Colin Brown.

Alternate Ed Skroback was asked to sit in for Member Marla Walls and Alternate Doug Sirotnak was asked to sit in for Member Brian Reed.

MINUTES

March 20, 2024

Alyssa made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Merry seconded. All were in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUBDIVISION – WENDY LEE GONZALEZ

The property is located on Walker Road, Tax Map 418, Lot 172. Colin Brown presented the application. The public hearing was opened. The application was reviewed for completeness. Alyssa made a motion to accept the application as complete; Merry seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. Colin informed the Board that the property consisted of 4.5 acres across from the corn fields on the sharp corner of Walker Road. The owner wishes to sell the house with 2.5 acres and keep the lot behind the house. No abutters were present. Colin added that lots under 5 acres need State approval. The State is a bit backed up currently, so the approval has not been received as yet. Alyssa made a motion to approve the subdivision contingent on receipt of State approval; Merry seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. Bryan and Alyssa will sign the mylar and platts once the State approval is received. The public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUBDIVISION – JAMES & MELANIE SHOKAL

The property is located on Bailey Road, Tax Map 412, Lot 38. Colin Brown presented the application. The public hearing was opened. The application was reviewed for completeness. Merry made a motion to accept the application as complete; Alyssa seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. Colin informed the Board that the applicant wishes to carve out a 2.13 acre lot for their son. They will keep a right-of-way off Thissell Road to the new lot 1. The remaining lot will then be 11.13 acres. Colin surveyed the subdivided area only as the remaining area has an existing survey. This application is also awaiting State approval. Alyssa made a motion to approve the subdivision contingent on receipt of State approval; Merry seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. Bryan and Alyssa will sign the mylar and platts once the State approval is received. The public hearing was closed. Abutter Chris Richardson was present but had no questions or concerns. Abutter Mary Hardiman arrived after the public hearing was closed. She was given a copy of the platt to look at. She had no concerns.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUBDIVISION – MT MARSHALL REALTY LLC

The property is located on Smith River Road, Tax Map 420, Lot 7.3. Colin Brown presented the application. The public hearing was opened. The application was reviewed for completeness. Merry made a motion to accept the application as complete; Harold seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. Colin informed the Board that the property consists of 12 acres altogether. The applicant wants to create a new 2-acre lot with frontage on Smith River Road and access from Route 104. The remaining parcel also has frontage on Smith River Road and access via a right-of-way from Route 104. Colin mentioned that the right-of-way created previously on the property didn't extend all the way to the property line. That has been corrected and now it does. No abutters were present. Alyssa made a motion to approve the subdivision contingent on receipt of State approval; Harold seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. Bryan and Alyssa will sign the mylar and plats once the State approval is received. The public hearing was closed.

MASTER PLAN SURVEY

The Clerk mentioned that the surveys have been collected and the tallying process has begun. She will bring the results to the May Planning Board meeting.

ELECTIONS

All recently elected Planning Board members have been sworn in.

Chairman – Merry nominated Bryan as Chairman and Alyssa seconded the nomination. Bryan accepted. Bryan informed the Board that he is entering into a new commitment and may not be able to attend the September and October Planning Board meetings. He wanted the Board to know this before voting on the Chairman position. There were no other nominations. All were in favor; none opposed.

Vice-Chairman – Chet nominated Alyssa as Vice-Chairman and Merry seconded the nomination.

Alyssa accepted. All were in favor; none opposed. Bryan wanted to thank Marla for her assistance, especially at the gravel pit hearing when he was an abutter and had to recuse himself.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Doug informed the Board that the Conservation Commission called Flanders and thanked him for the donation of property. The committee discussed naming the property and adding signage.

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT – Bryan mentioned there was a hearing yesterday. A committee has been set up now that Bridgewater and Groton have voted to leave the Newfound Area School District. The new committee will discuss where the school district goes from here. After Hebron votes in May, there will be a public hearing to discuss the future for Newfound. The splitting of the school district will take place July 1, 2025.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION – Bryan attended the meeting in Bristol. He informed the Board there was a lot of discussion on bike paths. Bryan learned there is a Northern Rail Trail – there is a proposal to try to extend the trail to go to the dam in Bristol.

FIRST ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT – The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success!

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Alexandria United Methodist Church – Merry informed the Board that the church is planning a Family Day to be held on a Sunday after church. There will be games for kids and some food. More to come.

VILLAGE SCHOOL – June 30th is clean out day for the Village School.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Merry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm; Alyssa seconded. The next Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Marzola, Planning Board Clerk