

**BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**BETHLEHEM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**January 8, 2014**

Present: Andrea Bryant, Pat Doughty, Peter Roy, Mike Bruno, Sandy Laleme, Dave Wiley, Jeanne Robillard, and Kevin Roy

Excused: Alecia Loveless and Harold Friedman

Absent: Neil Brody

Andrea called meeting to order at 6:00.

Andrea appoints Mike and Jeanne as full board members for Harold and Alecia.

Andrea reads a letter from Mitchell Municipal Group regarding a \$10 an hour rate increase effective January 1, 2014.

The board looked over minutes from December 11, 2013. Dave motioned to accept the minutes as written. Pat seconded. All were in favor.

Dave Wiley presented the proposed warrant article regarding building codes. The warrant article would change the wording so the town's zoning ordinance would better match the states. It states:

To see if the Town will vote to update Article XVIII Enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, Paragraph C. on page 50 of the Bethlehem, NH Zoning Ordinance 2011.

Which reads as follows: ***bold italics wording to be deleted***

C. ALL construction/renovation of structures within the Town of Bethlehem shall conform to the applicable sections of ***the BOCA national building code. (Adopted 3/10/87) All single-family dwellings are exempt from the B.O.C.A. Code.*** (Amended 3/97) All Construction/Renovation projects shall secure a building permit from the board of Selectmen or from the Zoning Board of Adjustment as herein after. A Building permit shall become void if:

And replace with the following wording; ***bold italics wording to be replaced***

C. All Construction/Renovation of structures within the Town of Bethlehem shall conform to applicable sections of the ***New Hampshire State Building Code as adopted by NH RSA 155-A-1.*** All Construction/Renovation projects shall secure a building permit from the Board of Selectmen or from the Zoning Board of adjustment as herein after. A building permit shall become void if:

Pat suggested the RSA should read 155-A;2 and not ;1, or even better should just be left at RSA 155-A

Don questioned if there was enough time to notice a public hearing regarding the warrant article; Dawn assured him there was. Don also noted that this did not address his previous concern regarding the inconsistency between the ordinance and what people were being told by the office staff regarding the \$3000 limit for a building permit. Sandy offered that the ordinance didn't need to be changed as much as the practice needed to change, which does not need an ordinance. Don also questioned where the \$3000 limit came from and was it still an appropriate amount. Sandy suggested that a review of all the ordinances be conducted prior to next year's town election. Don questioned what the original intent of the ordinance was. Dave offered that state law is more specific as to what needs a permit and what does not.

More discussion regarding the warrant article took place. Dawn will get a copy to April so the attorney can draft the warrant article, and then Dawn will notice the public hearing.

Sandy motions to accept the wording of the ordinance as proposed by Dave Wiley, with the exception of replacing RSA155-A;2 with RSA 155-A, to post for a hearing in preparation for getting on the warrant.

Pat seconds.

Andrea suggests the board may want to add "with any word changes the attorney may add." Jeannie suggests "with any wordsmithing the attorney may add."

Sandy amends the motion, to accept the wording of the ordinance as proposed by Dave Wiley, with the exception of replacing RSA155-A;2 with RSA 155-A, with any wordsmithing the attorney may add, to post for a hearing in preparation for getting on the warrant.

Pat seconds. All were in favor. The motion passes.

A discussion took place regarding what items should be included in the annual report.

Dawn asked the board what action they wanted to take regarding Franz Szakmary's gravel pit as he had not been in contact with the board since the cease and desist order what out. Andrea suggested LGC be called to inquire about the procedure. Pat suggested Mary Pinkham-langer from DRA be contacted as well. Dawn will contact both.

Dawn informed the board that the dates to declare candidacy for the upcoming election was Jan 22 through Jan 31, and noted both Harold and Pat's seats were up.

Sandy motioned to adjourn. Dave seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Ferringo  
Planning and Zoning Clerk