

BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
BETHLEHEM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

January 22, 2014

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

Excused: Sandy Laleme, Alecia Loveless and Harold Friedman

Absent: Neil Brody

Andrea called meeting to order at 6:00.

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

The board reviews the minutes from 1/8/14. Andrea points out an 'a' is missing from the end of her name on the first page. Pat motions to accept the minutes as amended. Dave Wiley seconds, all in favor, minutes from 1/8/2014 are accepted/

Pat questioned where we were at with Franz Szakmary. Dawn states she has not had time to email LGC or Mary Pinkham yet. The board reviews the matter for Mike Culver. Pat feels Mary Pinkham and LGC will direct us in the right direction. Pat also suggests that the town has a \$5000 bond, and the Planning Board could make plans to reclaim the pit with those funds.

6:12 Andrea opens the public hearing and reads the notice.

Pursuant of RSA 675:3 the Bethlehem Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 6:115 to get public input on the following...

Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Bethlehem Select Board to amend Article XVIII Enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, Paragraph C, on current 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***. All Construction/Renovation projects shall secure a building permit from the Board of Selectmen or from the Zoning Board of adjustment **through the appeals process** as hereinafter **described**.

The Bethlehem Planning Board approves/does not approve of this amendment.

Pat motions that the Planning Board recommend this warrant article for the town meeting. Peter seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

6:16 Andrea closes the public hearing.

Mike Bruno suggests, after the town election, that all Planning Board members be given new copies of the zoning ordinances as some members are working with outdated material.

Dave suggests that the Planning Board look at the language in the ordinances regarding the \$3000 limit for building permits. Dave feels it too vague. Pat says there is no code requirement for home owners doing their own work. Dave disagrees, and suggests code needs to be followed regardless.

Andrea questions where we are with the new fee schedule. Dave informs the board that he and Dawn are working on both the new permit applications and fee schedule. Mike Culver feels the Select Board needs to set the fee schedule and suggests the Planning Board and Select Board get together to come up with the new fees. Peter asks if the new fee schedule needs to go to warrant article. Mike Culver states no, it's a regulation issue, which does not need a warrant article, but maybe a public hearing.

6:25- Andrea motions to adjourn. Pat seconds, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Ferringo
Planning and Zoning Clerk