

BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
BETHLEHEM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

April 23, 2014

Present: Andrea Bryant, Mike Culver, Jeanne Robillard, Chris McGrath, Kevin Roy, Don Lavoie, Peter Roy, Dave Wiley

Excused: Mike Bruno and Sandy Laleme

Absent: Alecia Loveless and Neil Brody

Dave called meeting to order at 6:05 and appoints Jeanne and Don as full board members for Mike Bruno and Alecia Loveless

The board reviews the minutes from the March 26, 2014. Chris motions to accept the minutes as presented. Dave seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

The board reviews the minutes from April 9, 2014. Jeanne motions to accept the minutes as presented. Andrea seconds, motion passes.

Dawn presents a letter of interest to fill an open seat as a Planning Board Alternate member from Libby Staples. A conversation takes place regarding the status of Alternate Neil Brody who has not attended a meeting since being appointed. Andrea relays a conversation she had with him regarding a sick relative in NY that he has had to tend to. She will touch base with him again regarding his intention to resign.

Mike Culver questions whether or not the position for alternate had been posted. It is explained that the position had not been posted previously when the board received such an influx on interest. Also at that time it was decided that alternates would be chosen based on the order the Planning Board received their letters of interest.

Andrea motions to appoint Libby Staples for a three year term as an alternate on the Bethlehem Planning Board. Jeanne seconds, all members in favor, motion passes.

June Garneau/MAPS

Dave reads an email exchange between Tara Bamford of North Country Council and former Planning Board member Pat Doughty. See attached. A discussion takes place regarding NCC and whether or not the PB requested a more competitive bid. Don reminds everyone that the PB receives a lot of free advice from NCC.

Don advocates for new town maps rather than a new master plan. Feels the current master plan is not that old. Mike Culver states maps are a Select Board issue and there was some concerns regarding cost.

Jeanne reminds the group they have been talking about master plan for 8 years now and it's time to take a step forward.

Dave opens the meeting up for questions. Peter wonders if the board is committed to the project because it now in the budget. Don and Mike both respond No.

June Garneau offers that her proposal includes digitized mapping and thinks she could research and provide maps. Dawn hands out June's proposal to everyone. June presents her outline, see attached. Don has some concerns regarding language, June offers to use alternative language and provide a new proposal. A discussion regarding the responsibility of both the Planning Board and the Select Board takes place, as well as the order of business regarding the zoning ordinances. Don suggests the master plan first, which will dictate how the zoning ordinances will be revised.

Letter to DES regarding Douglas Drive

Dave asks for a motion to make the attorney correspondence public. Andrea motions to make the attorney information public, Jeanne seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Jeanne motions to send the letter as edited and with date correction. Dave seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

Franz Szakmary Gravel Pit

Dave reads DES notice, see attached. The board would like to send a courtesy letter to DES letting them know that Franz is not in compliance with the PB, and let them know they are in the process of notifying him of reclamation using his bond money.

Chris motions to have Dawn call DES to see where they are in the process and to contact Mary Pinkham-Langer regarding reclamation. Jeanne seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

New Business

Don brings to the board's attention a matter before the Littleton Zoning Board that includes a piece of property that borders the Bethlehem town line and the question of regional impact. He will keep the board informed as he learns more.

Old Business

Mike Culver questions the status of Tom Ricci's SPR modification. He doesn't want to see that slip through the cracks. Dawn informs the board that Mr. Ricci is on the agenda for the next meeting on May 14th.

Peter motions to adjourn. Mike Culver seconds, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Ferringo
Planning and Zoning Clerk