

**BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

**Bethlehem Town Hall Meeting Room  
6:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Michael Bruno, Sandy Laleme, Chris McGrath, Marie Stevenson, Johnathan Stevenson.

Vice Chair Dave Wiley: Absent

Mike Bruno opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

The board looked over the minutes from June 22, 2016. Chris McGrath motioned to accept, Marie seconded.

Sandy Laleme spoke on the Northern Pass Project. The Select board asked if the planning board could sign on to 3 letters drafted by Sandy Laleme and Carol Jensen. First letter addressed to the Wetlands Bureau and the Alteration of Terrain Bureau NH DES. In reference to the NP and the NHDES progress report to the evaluation Committee. In the progress report on page 4, point 11, the department refers to Transition Station #5 and says: "Given the amount of wetland impacts and the steep slopes in the area alternative sites should be considered that further avoid wetland impacts."

Given that Statement, we find it difficult to understand why you would grant a permit for geotechnical boring at that site.

Second letter sent to Governor Hassan asking our elected officials to become an advocate for those of us in the North Country that you represent by speaking out strongly and loudly for the citizens of New Hampshire. This is an opportunity for you to show that our government is still truly governed by the people.

Third letter sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A request for a public hearing for Northern Pass Transmission Line.

Sandy Laleme motion to have planning board sign. Marie Stevenson seconded. 4-1. Motion passed

Susan Evans-McClain spoke on her purchase of a home on Congress Street. Her conceptual talked of how she plans on reworking the house into a Bed and Breakfast. The board reviewed her plans and welcomed her to Bethlehem. She was referred to Site Plan review application.

Chris McGrath reminded the board that gravel pit inspections are coming up in August. Deb Bayley will look into setting up the inspections.

Next meeting is July 20, 2016 for master plan work session at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Marie Stevenson motion to adjourn John Stevenson seconded. All in favor 5-0

Meeting adjourned 6:50pm

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Bayley

ZBA/Planning Clerk