

Pownal planning Board Minutes  
February 15, 2012  
Mallett Hall  
7: 00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

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Discussion prior to meeting: Ron had talked to Matt Chipman (a proposed member of the Planning Board.) Matt was hoping to be able to get to part of the meeting this evening. Jeremy Gould will be coming on to the Planning Board as an alternate member. He is away at this date and will be sworn in upon his return.

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Tony Dater thanked Ron for his work on the signs. Both Tony and Eliza have added suggestions to the proposed ordinance. They will be discussed later in the meeting.

Members present: John Bowdren, Tony Dater, Joan Mueller, Ron Hodsdon  
Members absent: Matt St.Cyr  
Guests: Matthew Chipman, Mary Ann Hodsdon – contact person for the Budget Committee

Chairman Ron Hodsdon called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Secretary's Report: Planning Board Meeting January 18, 2012 Joan Mueller made a motion to accept (approve) the secretary's minutes as written. John Bowdren seconded the motion. Carried

Secretary's minutes: Planning Board workshop, Tuesday , February 7, 2012 Joan Mueller made a motion to accept (approve) the secretary's minutes as written. The motion was seconded by John Bowdren. Carried

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Discussion:

Board applications: As stated earlier, Jeremy Gould has been approved by the selectmen as an alternate to the Planning Board. He will be sworn in at a later date. Matt Chipman may come to this meeting to discuss his application.

Budget: Ron has not worked on the proposed budget report for 2012/2013. \$3000. was put into the 2011/2012 budget. That money has not been used and will return to the general fund. The Planning Board will ask to have that money put into the 2012/2013 budget. The Planning Board received a \$1000 fee from the AT&T addition to the existing tower.

Tony will not need an additional amount for fees, but agreed that the Planning Board budget should include the additional \$3000. That was requested for 2011/2012.

Ordinance Review: There were many changes to the ordinance. Hutch's original is in black. Eliza's changes are in red and Tony's changes are in blue. The document included in the minutes contains the changes made on February 15, 2012.

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Under ordinance review the question of Residential and Non-residential definitions was discussed. Members felt that the definitions of residential and non-residential should be included in the definition section.

Discussion of Ordinance review was postponed while the board talked to Matt Chipman.

Matt was asked why he would like to serve on the Planning Board.

His response: As a lobsterman he has time to donate to the town. He has lived and worked with the town government in Freeport, and feels that he likes the rural character of Pownal and would like to see that character maintained. He is familiar with the code book / users guide here in Pownal. He also understands that the planning board may make suggestions, but the codes and laws are passed by the voters at town meeting.

Members of the Planning Board explained to Matt that the term of office is 5 years. The board currently is looking for alternates. As an alternate he would have input at the meetings but usually would have no vote. If a member is absent, the board may appoint an alternate to act in the absent members place, at that time an alternate would vote. The Planning Board is no longer involved with single lot subdivisions, unless that subdivision had previously come before the board.

Matt agreed to make a five year commitment if he is selected as an alternate.

The board explained that they have one more interview and they hoped to discuss the applications at the March meeting. Ron agreed to contact Matt when a decision is made.

Joan would like to discuss the possibility of adding a section on materials, which would be added under design. She would also like to discuss signs with no internal illumination.

The discussion ended at lighting.

The meeting ended at 8:40.

Approved - 3/21/12  
Lesa Kichilo, Secretary