

Planning Board Minutes

Date: May 9, 2018

Time: 7:35

Present:

X	J. Hargraves	X	A. Pease
X	J. Lindquist		W. Stacy (associate)
	A. Leonard	X	T. Foster

Also attending:

Documents:

Application for a building permit from Andy Krook, for property on West Rd. Map2; parcels 8 and 8.5

Application for a building permit for a house by Michael Smith on Bennett Rd. Map 1; Lot J; parcel 10.9

Minutes:

We received a **building permit application** from A. Krook. There is no Mylar to sign. Our subdivision regs require a Mylar plan. **AP moved that the PB decline to approve** A. Krook's building permit application. JH 2nd; approved unanimously. JL will write a letter to the applicant informing him of the decision. (Update: The next day AP spoke to the applicant on the phone, so JL was happily released from letter writing responsibility.)

There was a short discussion of the **minutes** of April 25, 2018. Inexplicably, the Exec Sec misunderstood something that was said. **TF moved to approve** the minutes of April 25, 2018 as amended. JH 2nd; unanimously approved.

Discussed the **building permit** for M. Smith. It was noted that the driveway to the site is super steep and not readily passable. AP has spoken to the applicant and he says that this is the construction driveway and the final driveway will meet Town requirements. Chairman PooBah signed the permit.

MRPC Joint Transportation Committee: As he was absent (again) TF moved and JL happily 2nd to appoint Andrew Leonard to the Committee. Sadly, Alan suggested that Highway Super Steve Beauregard would be a more likely choice, so TF regretfully withdrew the motion, and Alan will speak to Steve.

Pre-existing non-conforming lot procedures: We have none. We need some. Alan explained the potential problems and suggested that Tricia look around to see what other towns have done and consult with Laura Harbottle, LUA. Miraculously, Tricia agreed to take this project on.

Town Meeting Review: We were generally pleased with Town Meeting this year. All our reports were excellent, but special acclaim was reserved for JL's report on Article 18.

Hemp Farming: Hemp farming needs a permit which is issued through the Mass. Dept. of Agriculture and is tightly regulated. Our new hemp farmers in town seem to be erecting a greenhouse on their property. Ashby zoning requires that greenhouses need building permits. **Alan will ask Building Inspector Peter Niall to enforce the bylaw.**

Housing Production Plan presentation will be postponed to sometime in June. The minutes indicate that a draft of the Plan was provided to Board members...

The Open Space and Recreation Plan needs support letters from the BOS, PB, and MRPC. MRPC meets the 1st Thursday of each month. Alan noted that we may have some timing issues coming up, as we have a goal of submitting the draft by the end of June.

The final notation in the handwritten draft minutes says simply "Think about". So mysterious. What could this possibly mean? Besides that Madam Secretary was very tired. Perhaps she was thinking about going home. Or that the agendas should be shorter. Or maybe ice cream.

Adjourn: 9:25

Submitted by Jeanie Lindquist, Executive Secretary