

Town of Randolph

Planning Board Minutes

September 6, 2018

Members Present: John Turner, Roberta Arbree, Arlene Eisenberg, John Scarinza, Robert Ross

Members Excused: None

Public: David Willcox

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by John Scarinza

Minutes of August 2, 2018 – On a motion from Arlene Eisenberg, with a second from John Turner, members voted to accept the minutes as presented.

New Business: The invoice from Tara Bamford was signed as approved for Task 1 in the amount of \$500 for the Master Plan Update. John Scarinza will give the invoice to Linda to be paid.

David Willcox gave the Applications to Merge Lots for Tax Assessment and Land Use Purposes to the Board to be signed.

On a motion by Arlene Eisenberg, seconded by Robert Ross, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application to merge lots for Susan Turner and Philip Guiser, merging U4-4 and U4-3, the eastern half.

On a motion by John Turner, seconded by Roberta Arbree, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application to merge lots for Doris and David Willcox, merging U4-4 and U4-3, the western half.

The applications were signed by the Board members.

David Willcox shared HB1533, Termination of Unexercised Variances and Special Exceptions. The law gives a 2-year window for a project to be vested, and if the project does not happen, the approval expires. There was a question regarding any variances or special exceptions granted before 2013, when the law originally went into effect. The new law addresses those approved before August 19, 2013, and allows the municipality to amend the zoning ordinance so that a notice may be posted giving people a total of three years to exercise the variance or special exception before it expires. This will need to be voted on at town meeting.

The Board received a Request for Project Review by NH Division of Historical Resources for a Transportation Project. This is concerning the bridge replacement over the Moose River on Durand Road. John Turner advised that the state wanted a 15' culvert, and the town had originally planned on a 10' culvert. The state agreed to a 12' culvert and they were able to sell

the 10' one. Thompson, who is doing the work, will absorb the additional cost for the 12' culvert. The cost for the project is around \$70,000.

The Board received a letter from the Friends of the Presidential Rail Trail requesting that a statement be included in the Master Plan that the townspeople of Randolph have voted to exclude motorized use on the trail when there is no snow cover. The Board will share the letter with Tara Bamford and will wait to see the report with all the comments before taking any action.

Robert Ross asked if the meadow had been mowed this year and John Scarinza advised it had. Scarinza stated that they are looking at improving the grasses for native pollinators.

Roberta Arbree asked about the road that Eversource is building to the power lines. Timbers have been laid down to make a road for the work that they are doing and the timbers will be removed when they are done. Eversource is replacing the wooden poles with metal ones. Robert Ross shared a concern about the timbers killing the grass and whether the same type will grow back.

Adjournment: On a motion John Turner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelli A. Fortin
September 7, 2018