

Town of Randolph

Planning Board Minutes

January 2, 2020

Members Present: Roberta Arbree, Robert Ross, John Scarinza, Tim Mather

Members Excused: John Turner

Public Present: Burke York, Michael Waddell, Jeannette Corrigan, and Shelley Corrigan

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by John Scarinza.

Minutes of December 5, 2019 – On a motion from Robert Ross, with a second from Roberta Arbree, the Board voted to accept the December 5, 2019 minutes as presented.

Public Hearing

John Scarinza opened the Public Hearing on the lot line adjustment between the Town of Gorham and Town of Randolph. John Scarinza advised that the parcel is approximately 205 acres of land that is at the east end of town off of Jimtown Road. It is currently part of the Gorham Town Forest. The land will be purchased with funds from the Randolph Opportunity Fund through the Conservation Commission and will become part of the Randolph Community Forest. Burke York presented the plat to the public and Board. York advised that pins have been set and both parties will have reciprocal rights for access. Jeannette Corrigan asked about tax revenue and Scarinza advised that the Forest Commission makes a payment to the Town of Randolph in lieu of taxes, so no revenue will be lost. Scarinza advised that timber tax is also paid when they harvest timber. Corrigan asked where other monies earned from logging are spent and Scarinza advised it is used for building roads, boundary lines, and wildlife projects. Scarinza advised that the Forest Commission also makes a payment to the Town of Jefferson for the portion of the Community Forest in their jurisdiction. Burke York advised that the Town of Gorham did not want to sell any land that was in their watershed, so the proposed property line follows the height of land.

On a motion by Roberta Arbree, seconded by Tim Mather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the lot line adjustment for 205.09 acres between the Town of Randolph and Town of Gorham to become part of the Randolph Community Forest.

Burke York advised the Board that he will contact the Town Office on Tuesday to reimburse the advertising and certified mail fees.

John Scarinza advised that the money has already been deposited from the Randolph Opportunity Fund for the purchase, in the amount of \$225,000. Michael Waddell advised that Gorham will work on the deed language next week for the attorney to review. They will need to wait 30 days for the appeal period and hope to complete the transfer in February.

The plat was signed by Board members present.

Old Business

John Scarinza reviewed an email sent from Tara Bamford concerning the revisions to the Zoning Amendments, in which Bamford reminded the Board that a new vote would be needed for the final form of Amendments 1, 2 and 6. Bamford advised that in addition to the edits to Amendment 1, she also corrected an issue with appeals for wind tower land use permits, which go to the court rather than the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Bamford also requested that the Board look at Section 12.02 D, as the language was unclear. Robert Ross advised that he sent a revision to Bamford for this section. Ross will check to be sure Bamford has received it.

On a motion by Robert Ross, seconded by Roberta Arbree, the Board voted unanimously to accept Amendment 1, Amendment 2, and Amendment 6 as revised.

Adjournment: On a motion by Robert Ross, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelli Fortin

January 3, 2020