

PLANNING BOARD

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Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Minutes

Members Present: Mark Carson, Chair
Bob Hartt, Vice Chair
Paul Marcel
Tom Sebestyen
Jon James

Others Present: Larry Burke, NM5VN

The meeting is being recorded by freeconference.com for the purposes of transcription.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to call the meeting to order at 7:04.

Mark Carson, Bob Hartt, Paul Marcel Tom Sebestyen and Jon James agreed to call the meeting to order.

Review Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of March 20 and March 24, 2021 as written.

Mark Carson, Bob Hartt, Paul Marcel Tom Sebestyen and Jon James approved the minutes.

Review Plans as needed

There were no plans to review.

Review Dark Sky Bylaw

He also stated that the Planning Board should start working on language for the bylaw as well as educating the public. International Dark Sky is also in the process of revising its language.

Review unregistered automobiles

Changes have been made to the bylaw whereby complaints would have to be made by one abutter and one resident. Concerns registered at the last meeting suggested that only one abutter could complain which would take the teeth out of the bylaw as an abutter may be reluctant to file a complaint; however, a complaint from one abutter and one resident is a more reasonable and fair approach for the bylaw and the Town. Mark also would like to get feedback from the Town as well as from the Board of Selectmen who will

make the final decision on the language in the bylaw. Utility vehicles would be exempted from the bylaw unless it is registered. Mark will contact Town Counsel regarding the language and a public hearing.

Driveway (Curb Cut) Regulations

There were no concerns regarding the proposed Curb Cut Bylaw which is under the Protective Bylaws, whereas the Unregistered Automobiles is under the General Bylaws. Both bylaws will be forwarded to Town Counsel and will require a public hearing after which changes may have to be made to the language.

Review Mail

None to review.

Old Business

Mark reviewed the need for the Planning Board to do site visits, after Special Permits were granted at the Clayton Mill River request for an accessory dwelling where the driveway was under discussion and a deck extension was approved.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Mark Carson, Bob Hartt, Paul Marcel Tom Sebestyen and Jon James approved the motion to adjourn.



Approved

Mark Carson

Date: April 28, 2021