

Planning Board Meeting Summary
April 14, 2015
7:00PM

In attendance: Hank Aho, Dave Studer, Dave Williams, Mitch Garnett, and Bob Temple
Public in attendance: Patrick Mellor, Nancy Linscott, Andy Thompson, and Don Grinnell

Mitch Garnett called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Mitch asked if there would be any discussion on the summary dated March 10, 2015. **Dave Studer made a motion to accept the summary as written, Mitch seconded, all in favor.**

CEO Report. Bob stated only one building permit, request this year, has been approved for 2 dormers on a house.

Request by Patrick Mellor Esq. for a meeting with CEO, Bob Temple, and the Planning Board to discuss "The Town of Washington V. Berkley & Nancy Linscott/Reclamation Plan". Patrick explained how there has been difficulty communicating with the town in terms on how to move forward. Mr. & Mrs. Linscott submitted an application in September, 2012. He handed out copies of letters from Scott Braley, the engineer that Nancy and Berkley hired to try to help explain what they were doing. They were trying to use an old pit that hadn't been used for a while. The letters from Scott were trying to sort out what the issues were. Ultimately, the town ordered a stop work order which took precedence and was resolved. The permit application still needs a reclamation plan. The town ordinance requires that the reclamation plan be brought to the Planning Board. Patrick handed out a letter in reference to a conversation with Fred Newcomb stating "I have checked with the CEO and it is my understanding that there is nothing to prevent your clients from filing the required applications for a mineral extraction permit." Patrick would like this to be a pre-application meeting with guidance. The old application had some issues which Bob had pointed out in a letter to the applicants. Bob stated that he has sent Scott Braley the Finding of Fact that the board would go through to make sure the application was complete during a pre-application meeting. Bob would then sit with Scott to look at the submission requirements of the Site and Mining Plan and declare the application complete. The application then comes to the Planning Board so they may declare the application is complete. Then the Board schedules a Public Hearing. During the Public Hearing the Planning Board goes through the Finding of Facts line by line. Patrick said he'd like to submit the application and have it go through the normal process. Bob will send Patrick the outline and applications for mining and site plans.

Application by George Stone/Washington Properties, Inc. for site plan review to locate 3,504 solar panels in the Town of Washington. The enactment of a moratorium on 4/6/15 requires that the board neither accept nor approve applications, plans, permits, licenses and/or fees for and new construction or uses governed by this moratorium. **Mitch made a motion to table the solar array application by Washington Properties until such time as the newly enacted moratorium has expired and new standards for development have been enacted, Dave Studer seconded, all in favor.**

Andy Thompson asked why the last two Planning Board meetings were not posted on the website. Mary explained that we are in an interim; the previous Selectman had posted them and we are in the process of setting up the new Selectman to do this in the future. Mitch stated the meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month. There are no meetings if there is no business to discuss.

Hank asked about the committee to be put together regarding the solar moratorium. Mitch suggested that if you are interested contact one of the Selectmen. Bob said the Selectmen will be discussing this at their meeting.

Dave Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm, Dave Studer seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson