

Town of Sumner, Planning Board minutes
February 16, 2021 6:30 pm via Zoom

Members Present: James McCarthy, John Allen, Larry O'Rourke, Eric Austin, Don Berry, CEO Fred Collins and secretary to the Planning Board Susan Strout.

The minutes from January 19, 2020 were read and approved with a motion by Austin, seconded by berry and so voted. The meeting of February 2, 2021 was canceled due to weather

Open Session:

CEO/LPI Report:

Collins has received a letter from forester Chip Love. The letter explains that Paul and Cindy Cox had been in contact with Chip Love and that they wanted to take down 3 substantial trees. Forrester Love approved the tree removal and the written materials will be put in the property folder.

16 Estes Road. Shed too close to the road. It has been reported that the shed has been moved. Collins says that he doesn't think so. What next?

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Building Notifications:

Ron Larrivee, 664 Redding Road, R20-07, roof over deck

It has been confirmed by the Planning Board and the assessor that a Building Notification needs to be filed. The Building Notification was approved with a motion by McCarthy, seconded by Austin and so voted.

New Business:

Solar documentation has again been moved forward to the next meeting.

Old Business:

Demolition permit. All Planning Board members agree that a demolition permit will be helpful for the property owner to let assessor know that a change has happened that might reduce their property tax. Berry would also like to be able to give those involved in the demolition a list of hazardous materials and how they should be disposed. Asbestos, lead paint, and asphalt shingles are examples of materials that some might not know are hazardous materials. A wording suggestion was "such as but not limited to."

Adding demolition to the current building notification would simplify the application procedure. In some cases, demolition may be happening in terms of new construction so it would cover both. If wording is added or being changed in the ordinance, then the approval at the Town Meeting will be needed. The question wording and the information sheet will be to be processed and ready for there to be time for a hearing before the Town Meeting in August 2021.

In looking at the time and the calendar, it was suggested that we find some additional time to have a workshop on minimal requirements for septic, grey water, etc. The fifth Tuesday of the month was suggested for a 90 minute Planning Board workshop since there is no Planning Board or Select Board meeting scheduled for that Tuesday evening. O'Rourke asked Collins if he was available stating his input would be valuable.

Austin asked if everyone thought we could meet in person (still social distancing). A blend of reactions led to no decision but moving to the next agenda. Austin also recommended that some could meet at the Town Office so resources could be available while others could still use Zoom to attend.

Alternative energy - also moved ahead

The letter to be sent to property owners who are building without a Building Notification has been approved and it is available if that circumstance should come up again.

Upcoming events:

Planning Board workshop on minimum standard of septic (grey water, etc) on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 with a motion by Allen, seconded by O'Rourke and so voted.

Meeting minutes from February 16, 2021

Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: February 23, 2021

James McCarthy

Larry O'Rourke

John Allen

Eric Austin

Don Berry