

Town of Sumner - Planning Board Minutes
July 7, 2020 6:30 pm via Zoom

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

Public Present: none

The minutes from the meeting on June 16, 2020 were approved with a motion by Berry and seconded by Austin.

Open Session:

CEO/LPI Report: Fred Collins

Collins reported that he received an anonymous call from a resident who believes someone is living on Railroad Drive with out a septic system. Collins informed the board that any such complaint by law needs to come to the Town Office in writing. Any calls that the office receives should be told this. Email qualifies as in writing.

Valley Road – Little Labrador Pond: picnic table and trail. Need to know who the property owner is and what their plans are. Property owner: MG Forest Assets or Andersen. Need address. Property owner. Looks to be R14-1. Hard to know what property is being discussed without address or map/lot.

Other reports from Collins:

*Front street – complaint from neighbor about a smell. Need to verify address.

*Arthur Allen Road – need specific deadlines and fines. New call from a different source. Needs to go to Select Board to work out specifics. Legally need

Labrador Pond Road – smell report. Near 185 Labrador Road.

Forms, Reports, Correspondence:

Building Notifications:

Gonsalves, Joseph & Julia, 53 Ridge Road, residence – building notification and septic design

What is new proposed building. BN is on property on Ridge Road. Lot 5

Leitzel, Warren and Tina, 391 Main St, R08-15 -8; new BN to expand to current plan that has had two other BN in last year or so.. Some of property is in tree growth.

Approved: motion by O'Rourke, seconded by Austin and voted.

Snider, Alex, 555 Redding Road, R20-40-1, greenhouse. There was a letter from attorney representing Alex Snider with the Building notification. Payment has also been received.

Collins said if there is no ordinance that aligns to issue then the MUBEC guidelines are used for building standards. Collins looking. Austin points out the safety aspects and the occupancy permit extreme.

O'Rourke stated that the greenhouse appears to be a business. What implications does that create. If business is cannabis, what guidelines for site evaluation or business designation. Does the Planning Board only deal with structure or use of the building? Cannabis business would need lighting, security
Motion to approve made by O'Rourke, seconded by Berry and voted.

Gonsalves property part of Bragg subdivision. Do subdivisions have separate requirements? Or does each subdivision have their own requirements. Does town need to verify that subdivision guidelines are met? BN approved with a motion by Austin, seconded by O'Rourke and so voted.

New Business:

Old Business:

Sample letter for septic/gray water – Strout will bring one.
Occupancy Permit examples – coming from Collins. Discussion needs full Planning Board.

In the discussion of annual meeting, O'Rourke expressed disappointment that the meeting is planned to be inside the school gym. Strout encouraged him to contact the Select Board members.

Adjourned at 7:25 with a motion by Berry, seconded by Austin and so voted.

Upcoming events:

Primary Election and Referendum, July 14, 2020
Annual Town Meeting, August 11, 2020

Meeting minutes from July 7, 2020
Submitted by Susan Strout

Approved: July 21, 2020

James McCarthy

Larry O'Rourke

John Allen

Eric Austin

Don Berry

