

## **Albion Planning Board**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2011

Planning Board Members Present: Willie Grenier (Chair), Allen Knights (Vice-Chair), Frank Siviski (Sec.), Kevin Morrissey, Ellen Najpauer.

Deane Mason and Charles (Chuck) Rounds (Associates).

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Willie Grenier (Chair).
- 2) Roll call: (5) Regular Members and (2) Associates.
- 3) Introductions and a brief biography of each member were made for the benefit of the new members.
- 4) The Board was informed that Mike Spaulding C.E.O. had suffered a heart attack and had triple bypass surgery the previous Friday. He would not be attending the meeting.
- 5) Elections of Officers.  
Allen nominated Willie as Chairperson. Frank seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.  
Frank nominated Kevin as Vice-Chair. Allen seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.  
Ellen nominated Frank as Secretary. Kevin seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.
- 6) Allen made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin. The vote was unanimous.
- 7) New Business – Planning Board Compensation.  
Frank informed the Board that he was concerned about the way compensation was handled and the amount of taxes withheld. He said that this issue had been brought up in the past and that the Selectboard had stated that they would look into it. Nothing has been done to date. He added that he had brought the issue to the attention of the Town Clerk and gave up when she didn't understand the implications of his questions.  
Some members of the Board stated that this was not an issue for them because no taxes had been withheld.

Ellen commented that she was unaware that payments were made and that it was her experience that people who served on Boards were uncompensated.

Chuck stated that the issue could be handled by simple changing the withholding status.

Willie suggested that Frank write a letter to the Selectboard outlining the concerns of the Planning Board because this had been an issue for a number of years.

Allen made a motion to have the Secretary write a letter to the Selectboard expressing the concerns over the hourly rate and tax issues. The motion was seconded by Kevin. The Board was in agreement. It was added that MMA be consulted to see how other Towns handle the issue.

#### Land Use Ordinance

Ellen expressed her desire to have a copy of the LUO. She explained that when she tried to obtain a copy through the Town Office, she was informed that there would be a twenty-five (\$25) dollar charge.

Willie said that she would obtain copies of the revised LUO for the members of the Board and have KVCOG print additional copies to be available to the public.

#### Long Term Agenda (Parking Lot List)

A) Permit fees for Roads. Ellen abstained from voting on the issue because she had not taken part in the previous discussion. Deane was appointed as a voting member. The question was explained and rehashed. Ellen moved that the issue be tabled until more information was gathered. Frank seconded the motion. The Board was in agreement. Ellen volunteered to find out how this was handled in other Towns.

B) Plumbing Permits. Willie thought that it would be wise to find out what was on the books before any discussion of the subject took place. She asked Deane to investigate the matter and present his findings at the next meeting.

C) Shoreland Zone. Willie said that Deirdre Schneider of the State Planning Office had offered her help in updating the Shoreland Zone portion of the LUO. She felt that this would be the place to start. Frank said that he would contact her and inquire if the offer still held.

D) Floodplain Management Ordinance. Willie said that she thought this issue was in the hands of the Selectboard.

Frank said that he had placed this issue on the Parking Lot List at her direction last year. Frank added that he believed that if the ordinance was not in place, all people in Albion seeking flood insurance would not be able secure a policy.

Willie said that she would bring this to the attention of the Selectboard.

The remaining issues on the Parking Lot List were not discussed.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Allen. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting ended 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank C. Siviski, Secretary