Albion Planning Board

Regular Meeting Minutes June 13, 2011

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

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

Others present: Mike Spaulding C.E.O. Mary Lee Rounds (arrived mid-meeting).

1) Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Kevin Morrissey (Vice-Chair).

2) Roll call: (4) Regular Members and (2) Associates.

3) Deane was appointed as a voting member.

4) Deane made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2011 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Allen. The vote was unanimous.

5) Allen made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 25, 2011 Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Deane. The vote was unanimous.

6) C.E.O. Report. Mike reported that he had secured a written agreement from Robert Ingram, N. Vigue Shore Road on Lovejoy Pond that he would move the shed that was built partially on the neighbor's property by July 4th, 2011.

Frank asked if there had been any developments with the Richard Sukeforth seasonal conversion. Mike informed the Board that he had supplied Richard with a plumbing form and the plumbing needed to be inspected to see if it was installed properly. He had not heard back, until that time there was nothing he could do.

Mike thought that there were enough issues with seasonal conversions on the lake that he would contact the state about the problem.

Mike fielded a number of questions from the Board concerning the number of inspections needed during the construction of a road. Mike stated that the usual number of inspections required for house construction was three (3) visits for which the fee was \$100. He thought that the number would be similar. He did raise the issue as to whether he or the Road Commissioner is qualified to make a judgment on the quality of the construction material.

4) New Business – Parris Varney – New sign for Albion Variety Store. Parris Varney was not present. The Board decided to discus the issue. Chuck began by saying that since Parris had cleaned up a potential eyesore in the Town and turned it into a viable business; he should be given as much consideration as possible. Mike added that during the renovations, Parris went out of his way to keep the Town informed and arrange for the required inspections. The state regulations on scrolling were discussed next. (Twenty second limit).

Ellen made a motion that since the proposed sign is less nonconforming; it falls within the acceptable criteria of the LUO. Frank seconded the motion with the amendment of payment of a twenty-five (\$25) dollar permit fee. Ellen seconded the amended motion. The vote was three (3) in favor and one (1) abstained.

Ellen suggested that the size of signs might want to be revisited and provisions added to the LUO to make the size "Speed Limit Dependent".

Information Request from the Select Board – Frank explained that he had received a request from Mary Lee Rounds of the Select Board to have a copy of the Planning Board Minutes e-mailed to her. He felt that considering the mandate from the Select Board to only act as a group, the decision should be made by the Board.

Mary Lee explained that she wanted the information published online.

Members of the Board expressed concern over the security of different formats which might be used to publish the information.

Mary Lee and Mike assured the Board that their concerns would be taken into account and the matter dealt with.

Mike requested that a formal letter be drafted by the Select Board and the Planning Board allowing him to publish the information since his website is private.

The Board decided to e-mail a copy of the Planning Board Minutes to Mary Lee after they had been approved.

5) Old Business – Planning Board Compensation. The Board expressed their concerns over the nature and method by which they receive compensation. The topics ranged from workman's compensation, expense re-imbursement, and unemployment insurance to contract fraud. It was suggested that it might be easier to handle the matter by receiving a 1099 forms instead of a W-2's.

Allen made a motion to table the discussion until the Board heard back from Mary Lee. The motion was seconded by Frank. The vote was unanimous.

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

Meeting ended 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Frank C. Siviski, Secretary

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