

Newport Planning Board
15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773
Minutes of August 11, 2015
6:00 PM
Regular and Public Hearings

MEMBERS PRESENT: Howard Dunn, Chairman; David Burnham, Vice Chairman; Ken Merrow, Jeff North, Bill Walsh, Gary Nichols, BOS Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christina O'Brien

PRESENT FROM THE COMMUNITY: Adair Witkus, Jeffrey Blomquist

STAFF PRESENT: Julie M. Magnuson, Planning & Zoning Administrator

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Burnham called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by an introduction of the sitting members.

MINUTES: July 14, 2015

On a motion by Mr. North, seconded by Mr. Nichols; *the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

ADMINISTRATION: Reminder that there is a continued public hearing from June 23, 2015 on a proposed Town of Newport Zoning Ordinance Article V (Special Provisions) Section 506-Land Application of Septage at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Sugar River Technical Center, 243 North Main Street.

Ms. Magnuson read the administration reminder from the agenda for the Planning Board and those viewing at home. She stated that the meeting would be a Public Hearing and public input was requested at the hearing.

Planning Board member Mr. North asked if there would be a representative from NH Department of Environmental Services (DES). Ms. Magnuson stated that per the (Vice) Chairman's request, NH DES had been contacted. Mr. Michael Reney would attend the Public Hearing on August 18, 2015 representing NH DES. He would be there to answer questions.

Vice Chairman Burnham repeated the purpose, date, time and place for the informational public hearing.

Chairman Dunn arrived at the meeting. The meeting was turned over to him at 6:03 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

2015-SDFP-002: Estate of Bertha Blomquist (Adair Witkus, Executrix, Jeffrey Blomquist, Executor: request a final review of a minor two (2) lot subdivision of land. The parcels are proposed to be 13.03 and 13.74 +/- acres. The properties are identified as Map 121 Lot 003 and are located at 618 and 626 South Main Street in the Rural (R) Zoning District.

Chairman Dunn opened the public hearing. Ms. Magnuson addressed the Chair and asked if he would like to hear her Administrative Review. Mr. Nichols addressed Ms. Magnuson and asked if the application appeared complete. She stated yes.

On a motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Burnham; ***the Board voted to accept the application as complete. The motion passed 6-0-0.***

The Chair addressed Ms. Magnuson and asked for her Administrative Review. Ms. Magnuson addressed the Board and explained the information in their packets. She then read her Administrative Review into the record, explaining that local departments and NH Department of Transportation (DOT) reviews had elicited no concerns.

Ms. Magnuson explained the reason for the subdivision and stated for the Planning Board that the subdivision would correct a non-conforming issue on the property (two dwellings on one property lot).

Chairman Dunn addressed the applicants in attendance and asked if they had anything additional to add.

Ms. Adair Witkus addressed the Chair and stated that Ms. Magnuson had summed up the information for the Board. She stated that the subdivision would divide the lot into two (2) parcels between two brothers. As Ms. Magnuson had stated they both had their own wells and own septic systems. The subdivision would have the lots conform to the Town Ordinance. Nothing else would change, she said.

Chairman Dunn addressed the Board and asked if they had any questions of the applicant. Mr. Burnham stated that the subdivision was straightforward.

Mr. North stated that it was nice to have cases come before the Planning Board that would correct a non-conformity.

Ms. Magnuson addressed the Chair and stated that it was the first time she had worked with the Lake Sunapee Survey Company. Their surveyor had been very professional and great to work with. She indicated the Mylar and stated it was laid out exactly as the Town of Newport requested.

There being no further questions, Chairman Dunn asked the pleasure of the Board. ***On a motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. North; the Board voted to approve the subdivision as presented. The motion passed 6-0-0.***

Chairman Dunn, Mr. Burnham and Mr. North signed the Mylar and subdivision plans. Chairman Dunn signed the Notice of Decision.

Ms. Magnuson addressed the applicants and explained the next steps in the filing process.

On a motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Burnham; ***the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:13 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

Maura Stetson
Recording Secretary