

**Town of Goshen
Planning Board
Minutes of February 4, 2021
FINAL APPROVED**

Planning Board members present (quorum = 3): Alicea Bursey (Chair), Fred Smith, and Steve Bursey

Guest (s): George Grant

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Review of Minutes

The board discussed the draft minutes of November 19, 2020.

The following motion was taken during the December 3, 2020 meeting; Bruce Nadeau motioned to accept the Minutes of November 19, 2020 “as is”; Steve Bursey seconded the motion. Alicea Bursey and Fred Smith abstained from voting as they were not present at the last meeting. The motion does not pass, draft minutes will remain posted.

The minutes will remain in draft form until the three members of the board who attended the meeting are available for vote or the board determines otherwise.

Review of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes of January 21, 2021.

Fred Smith motioned to accept the Minutes of January 21, 2021 “as is”; Steve Bursey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lot Line Adjustment (George Grant, Messer Road)

Mr. George Grant discussed with the board a potential lot line adjustment on Messer Road. Mr. Grant is proposing to adjust a lot line between two adjacent parcels that were part of an approved subdivision in October 2011. The board reviewed the plats that were presented and discussed requirements for the proposal. After discussion, the board did not find any problems with the request and will continue the process of a lot line adjustment. Mr. Grant was advised to submit an application for a lot line adjustment and present a proposed survey of the lot line adjustment changes. Once the paperwork and proposed plat is presented, the board will go forward with next steps. Mr. Grant has been added to the February 18, 2021 meeting. No further actions were made at this time.

Permit Application (Newport Sand and Gravel)

Newport Sand and Gravel is applying for phase three in the Anderson Pit. They are currently in phase two and reclaiming as they complete work. The Planning Board received their application and reviewed the materials. Before the application can be considered for permitting approval, a special exception will be needed from the Zoning Board per Goshen ordinances and regulations.

Following this preliminary review, the board had questions regarding the abutters list and a waiver for the engineer’s seal. The board noted three addresses that may not be up to date in either the town’s system or on the abutters list. Also, the board is requesting more details on the waiver. Chair Bursey will contact Mr. Dick Fraser

to receive clarification and updates to the abutter list, and the waiver of the engineer seal. No further actions were made at this time.

Member Discussion (ongoing)

Alternate members are still needed for the Planning Board, this topic will remain a standing agenda item until filled. Anyone interested in becoming an alternate member of the Planning Board should stop by any of the Planning Board meetings at the first or third Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Goshen Town Hall. Applications for the alternate position can be found on the Planning Board webpage.

Other Business

- The next meeting will be the third Thursday of the month – February 18, 2021.
- **Condensed Meeting Schedule:** There was a discussion on whether a condensed meeting schedule combining meetings with the Zoning Board for the Grant proposal would be needed and how that would appear. The board discussed a proposed set of combined meetings with the Zoning Board and the Planning Board, it was decided that an overly condensed meeting schedule may give the appearance of favoritism and should be conducted with caution and under reasonable circumstances. After review of the Grant proposal, it was determined the ZBA would likely not need to be involved and combined meetings would not be needed. Meetings will remain as scheduled. No further actions were made at this time.
- **Solar/alternative energy:** The board will discuss this topic after the March vote.
- **Capital Improvement Plan - Update:** The board will discuss updates to the CIP during a future meeting.

Standing items

- Solar/alternative energy RSA and town regulation discussion
- Capital Improvement Plan - Update
- Member Discussion - Standing Item

Fred Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting; Steve Bursey seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Salinardi
Recording Secretary