

TOWN OF GOSHEN
PLANNING BOARD
FINAL MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Allen Howe, Vice Chairman John Wirkkala, Rich Moen
OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Bell, Allen Wilson

Agenda Item 1 Power's Subdivision

This was a continuation of the March 30th public hearing related to a minor subdivision of property at Map 407, Lot 5. Mr. Wilson presented Mr. Howe with a check in the amount of \$58.75 to cover the actual costs of abutter notices and the notice in the Eagle Times. All fees owed the town associated with this subdivision have been paid.

The board confirmed that the existing septic system is now depicted on the plat, as well as the location of several boundary pins. Rich Moen made the motion to accept the subdivision, Mr. Wirkkala seconded, all members voted in favor. The board signed the mylar and paper copies and gave one mylar to Mr. Wilson for recording at the Registry of Deeds.

Agenda Item 2 Master Plan Workshop Report

Mr. Howe provided board members with a copy of the final Community Vision Workshop Results report that had been completed by Mike McCrory, UVLSRPC. This report documents the September 27, 2008 community visioning workshop. The report had been delayed so UVLSRPC and board could focus on development and administration of the community attitude survey, and because of staff changes at UVLSRPC. The report is now posted on the town web site.

Agenda Item 3 Master Plan Contract

At their April 5th meeting the Select Board granted the Planning Board an exemption for the Phase 2 Master Plan contract from the town's 3 bid purchasing policy requirement. Mr. Howe signed the Certificate of Authority, Mr. Wirkkala signed as witness. Mr. Howe also signed the Service Agreement for Phase 2 between UVLSRPC and the Town. Mr. Howe will mail both documents to the UVLSRPC.

Agenda Item 4 Tippecanoe

Mr. Howe read a letter he had prepared and mailed to Deborah Fife, Tippecanoe Campground, informing her of the local zoning ordinance requirement to obtain a special exception for any work in a wetland area. He directed her to Tom Lawton, Chair, ZBA. Mr. Lawton and the Select Board were copied on the letter. This is a ZBA issue, not a Planning Board issue.

Agenda Item 5 Class VI/Private Road building policy

The Select Board approved and signed the policy which had been prepared by the Planning Board and Attorney Waugh in 2008. Mr. Howe had the policy and waiver forms posted on the town web site on both the Planning Board section and in the Forms section under Building

Inspector Forms. Copies of both forms were also place in the Building Inspector's in-box at the town office.

Agenda Item 6 Other Business

Mr. Howe informed the board that the ZBA will not be holding the Newport Sand and Gravel rehearing on April 13, but that it will occur at a future date --- possibly May 11. Mr. Howe expects that the ZBA will establish a rehearing date on April 13. Once the rehearing date is established, notices will be posted. Also, the Planning Board will not be a part of this rehearing process.

Mr. Bell informed the board of a very recent court decision involving Comcast. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the FCC lacks authority to require broadband providers to give equal treatment to all Internet traffic flowing over their networks. Essentially the FCC does not have authority to dictate net neutrality. If this ruling stands or if the FCC does not obtain regulatory authority from Congress to enforce net neutrality, broadband providers will have discretion to control access speeds for certain types of content.

Mr. Bell previously expressed interest in becoming an Alternate Planning Board member. He has attended several meetings, has provided thoughtful comments, and has an interest in improving broadband access to the town. Mr. Moen made a motion to appoint Mr. Bell as an alternate member, Mr. Wirkkala seconded, all members present voted in favor. Mr. Howe will inform Cindy Williams of this action and Mr. Bell will contact her concerning the oath of office.

Mr. Moen and Mr. Bell expressed interest in attending the Spring Planning and Zoning Conference presented by OEP. The Planning Board budget includes the registration fee for the conference and mileage for two vehicles. Car pooling should be used, if possible.

Mr. Moen made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Wirkkala seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8 pm.

Submitted by: Allen Howe, Chair