

**Zoning Board
Goshen, NH
Minutes of March 13, 2019
FINAL**

Attendance (*quorum* = 3): Alicea Bursey (Chair), Ray Porter (Vice-Chair), and Judy Dunn

Guest (s): Mike Sullivan

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Board Elections - Update

Based on the recent Town vote, the board discussed and voted upon member installation.

Ray Porter motioned to nominate Alicea Bursey as Chair of the Zoning Board. Judy Dunn seconded the motion. All were in favor, Alicea Bursey will continue to act as Chair of the Zoning Board.

Alicea Bursey motioned to nominate Ray Porter as Vice-Chair of the Zoning Board. Judy Dunn seconded the motion. All were in favor, Ray Porter will continue to act as Vice-Chair of the Zoning Board.

The board welcomed Mike Sullivan to the Zoning Board. Mr. Sullivan has not yet been sworn into this position, therefore, he will not vote until he has officially been sworn in.

Chair Bursey also mentioned to the board that unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding, previous warrant articles that had been presented to the public in November 2018 were not added to the town ballot for voting. Therefore, the proposed warrant articles will be presented again to the public in 2019 and then resubmitted for town vote in 2020.

Review of Minutes from January 9, 2019

Ray Porter motioned to accept the minutes from January 9, 2019 ‘as is’. Judy Dunn seconded the motion. All were in favor, minutes approved “as is”.

Review of Non-Quorum Minutes from February 13, 2019

Judy Dunn motioned to accept the non-quorum minutes from February 13, 2019 ‘as is’. Ray Porter seconded the motion. All were in favor, minutes approved “as is”.

High Density Dwelling Discussion

The board reviewed several surrounding town policies regarding cluster development and high density dwellings. The board agreed that having a clear definition regarding cluster housing in the village district of Goshen would be beneficial.

The board discussed several wording options for the definition of cluster housing, as well as the need to define or explain setbacks, density, lot size, building height, etc in the village district.

The board mentioned the lack of high speed internet in the village district as well as surrounding areas and agreed to bring the issue up to the Selectman. They are aware that this has been a talked about issue, but would like to see if any progress has been made in acquiring this service.

The board believes that a possible reason for a lack of development in the village district is due to a lack of infrastructure. If this is the case, the board would like to further discuss the issues with Fire Chief Mr. Dan Peterson (who will be invited to join the board in the April meeting) and explore any possibilities for change if viable.

The board also discussed the recent raise in taxes and questioned whether new developments in the village district would be helpful in offsetting the cost of taxes, and if they would, what options are there?

The board noted that everything discussed tonight are all hypothetical and no final decisions or votes were made at this time.

Membership Discussion - Update

The board updated contact information and term expiration dates.

Additional alternates and full time members are still needed for the Zoning Board of Adjustments. If anyone is interested in becoming a member please stop by a meeting on the second Wednesday of any month. This will remain a standing item until filled.

Other Business

- Ray Porter recommended that the board look into membership with the NH Municipal Association. The board agreed to continue to look into this matter and discuss it further.
- The next meeting will be the second Wednesday of April - April 10, 2019.

Standing Items:

- Regulation Discussion regarding high density dwellings
- Member Discussion - seeking alternates and full time members

Ray Porter made a motion to adjourn. Judy Dunn seconded the motion. All were in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Salinardi
Recording Secretary