

**Zoning Board
Goshen, NH
Minutes of August 12, 2020
FINAL**

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

Guest (s): Dianne Craig

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

John Hooper (Variance)

Mr. John Hooper, 190 Rand Pond Road, approached the board to explain his multi-step project for building a garage and presented a map/plat to the board. Chair Bursey provided a brief overview of the proposed project to the board including the Planning Board steps. The board reviewed the plat and discussed the variances and approvals needed for the project. Chair Bursey explained that Mr. Hooper would need a variance for his proposed setbacks under the Zoning and Building Ordinances for the non-conforming lot. Mr. Hooper will potentially need a ZBA variance for the setback and was asked to provide an updated plat that includes setback measurements. There was a brief discussion on the right-of-way on Mr. Hooper's land and how that is being addressed. Mr. Hooper has been added to the Planning Board agenda for August 20, 2020. No further actions were made at this time.

Review of Minutes from July 8, 2020

Ron Parenteau motioned to accept the minutes from July 8, 2020 'as is'. Ray Porter seconded the motion. All were in favor, minutes approved.

Review of Minutes from the Joint Meeting with the Planning Board on August 6, 2020

Judy Dunn motioned to accept the minutes from the joint meeting with the Planning Board on August 6, 2020 'as is'. Ray Porter seconded the motion. All were in favor, minutes approved.

High Speed Internet Discussion

The board began the Request for Information (RFI) process regarding high speed fiber optic internet (see Planning Board/Zoning Board Joint Minutes from August 6, 2020). The board reviewed an example of an RFI letter and crafted an RFI letter with details representative to Goshen. The board agreed that the RFI was ready to be presented to the Select Board for final approval. The process of requesting information, requesting proposals, obtaining bonds, selection of a vendor/provider, informing the town, establishing any special meetings or communications for the town is the responsibility of the Select Board and will be handled through their office. The ZBA is coordinating efforts and building out content for the process.

The board developed a list of potential vendors/providers that the RFI should be sent to. The providers that will be contacted are Consolidated Communications, Xfinity/Comcast, TDS, NH Electric CoOP, Liberty Utilities, and Unitil. Once the Select Board has reviewed and approved the RFI, they will send out the RFI via certified

mail as well as via email. The board noted that per SB 170 the providers have two (2) months to respond to the RFI. Information will not be available until October or November for this portion of the process.

The board discussed the next steps and agreed that they would like to begin writing the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the bid during the next meeting. They discussed raising a bond and the impact to the town. They questioned the town's credit rate and the process of acquiring a bond. These questions will be presented to the Select Board by Selectperson Dianne Craig during their next scheduled meeting.

The board also decided to reach out to surrounding towns to let them know what Goshen is trying to accomplish and see if any of the towns have any interest in joining Goshen's efforts. The towns discussed are: Unity, Lempster, Marlow, Alstead, Acworth, Windsor, and Washington. All will be sent letters through email correspondence from the Select Board. No further actions were made at this time.

Regulation Discussion - High Density Dwellings/High Density Dwelling Locations

This topic will be tabled until all members are present. No actions were made.

Membership Discussion - Update

Additional alternates 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. would be helpful to have an alternate.

Other Business

- The next meeting will be the second Wednesday of September - September 9, 2020.

Standing Items:

- High-Speed Internet - Continued discussion
- Regulation Discussion - high density dwellings (Pending)
- Member Discussion - seeking alternates and full time members (ongoing)

Ray Porter made a motion to adjourn. Ron Parenteau seconded the motion. All were in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Salinardi
Recording Secretary