

PRELIMINARY

**TOWN OF STODDARD
PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2017**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

CONVENED: 7 pm

ROLL CALL: Christopher Madden, Dian Mathews, Jane McOsker, Ben Wilder, Ruth Ward, Harry Power. ABSENT: Ellen Mason, John Halter

CORRESPONDENCE:

Information about the upcoming FEMA Seminars on both March 9 & 23, 2017, was announced. Chris Madden will provide information to anyone interested.

A Request for Project Review by the NH Division of Historical Resources/John Bunce, North Shore Road, Granite Lake, Tax Map #138, Lot #23 was distributed and reviewed.

A letter from Southwest Region Planning Commission regarding NH 2019-28 Ten Year Plan, Transportation Improvement Projects was discussed.

Two Statements from Drummond/Woodsum for legal fees related to Fred Ward were received. A discussion took place about the legal expense of this case and the fact that the Planning Board is currently significantly over budget as a result. It remains unclear why the Town originally said they would be paying these expenses but as of this date, has not.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Planning Board Budget for the new year was discussed. The plan is to increase Legal Fees and Training. Additionally, the new budget will ensure that there is enough funds to pay the Planning Board Secretary's wages for the full year. Cuts in the Budget will take place in Miscellaneous, Printing, Postage (possibly) and contract services.

Two new statements were received from Drummond/Woodsum for legal fees related to Fred Ward were presented for review.

Dian Mathews informed the Board that Daniel Eaton is the new Emergency Management Coordinator, replacing Dick Gariepy.

Chris Madden informed the Board that Karen Bell, the current Planning Board Secretary has given her notice. She will stay on until a replacement is found. She will also train the new person. Karen Bell said she will continue to post the available position.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Meeting minutes from January 3, 2017 were accepted as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING (Public Hearing-Amendment of CPO-Article III-General Dwelling Requirements, Replace Section 3E regarding Accessory Dwelling Units):

The Public Hearing convened at 7:30 pm.

Copies of this Warrant were distributed. Dian Mathews and Chris Madden gave an overview of the Warrant. Dian Mathews asked if there were any questions or concerns. Members of the public asked questions and expressed concerns specifically about the following: clarification of how and what the reasons were for the decisions on allowable square footage and number of people for each bedroom; septic system requirements and lastly, concerns were expressed about how these units could impact Stoddard in the future. The Board explained how they came to their decisions and gave clear, precise and detailed answers to all questions from the public.

Public session adjourned at 8:15 pm

ADJOURNMENT: Dian Mathews motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ben Wilder seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by:

Karen Bell, Planning Board Secretary