

TOWN OF STODDARD PLANNING BOARD

ACCEPTED MINUTES

September 5, 2017

Flag Salute

PRESENT: Chair – Dian Mathews, Vice Chair – Jane McOsker, Chris Madden, Ruth Ward, Dale Smith, Alternates – Harry Power, Alice Hutchinson
Absent: Ben Wilder

MINUTES of the August 8, 2017 meeting accepted as distributed.

PUBLIC RUDIMENTARY QUESTION:

1. Guest: Barbara Cleveland, Stoddard resident

Ms. Cleveland asked the Planning Board to take up the topic of fireworks and cannons in the Town of Stoddard. She reported that she and several other residents were concerned about the following:

- a. There have been fireworks set off after the Town of Stoddard Quiet Hour of 10 PM some nights until 2 AM.
- b. A cannon has been shot off five times an hour for several hours many nights this summer.
- c. Debris from spent fireworks is found floating all over the lake's surface after the firework events. The concern is for the quality of our lake water.
- d. Several inebriated young men were observed shooting rockets at our loons.
- e. Chris Madden added that the phosphorus level in Highland Lake has risen.

f. Facts we know:

- * State Police will come if there are at least two complaints; they are given an address and it's after Quiet time of 10PM
- * Under RSA 644:2, 3d the cannon's owner can be charged with disorderly conduct. A cannon should not be fired within 1000' of any occupied dwelling.
- * The AFT can confiscate a cannon for the above reasons.

g. Ideas:

- * Make it necessary for citizens to obtain a firework permit.
- * Have a sign in front of Town Hall to inform citizens of the needs for a fireworks permit.

The board had established a committee to write an ordinance on fireworks at our August meeting. The committee is made up of Ruth Ward and Jane McOsker. Ms. Cleveland and her fellow, concerned citizens will offer input to the committee. Chris Madden added that there was a group of citizens concerned about the topic from Island Pond. He will point them toward the committee to add their input.

PUBLIC HEARING 7:15 PM

The order of business is a minor Lot Line Adjustment between Tax Map 414, Lots 02 & 03. Applicants are Barbara Leyden Piper of Sandia Park, New Mexico and Richard T. Piper of South Hero, Vermont. "No adjustments have been made to the exterior land boundaries. The interior boundary is adjusted to create a more equitable acreage of the

two parcels. The ownership of the parcels will remain within the same names. The status of current use will remain. NO development is ever planned for this forest acreage.”

Lot 02 will be 62.2 acres. Lot 03 will be 46.7 acres. The proposal would erase existing Deed lines and replace them with historic deed lines. (See plat)

MOTION: Dale Smith/Chris Madden: “We move to conditionally approve the minor Lot Line Adjustment for Tax Map 414, Lots 02 and 03. Approval is conditional until the billed fees have been paid to the Town of Stoddard.” Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Madden will contact Mrs. Titus to inform her of the PB decision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ADU Ordinance – no new updates.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fireworks Ordinance Committee will decide when they will meet and will meet and will contact those citizens who would like to volunteer information and give input.
2. Home Business Ordinance Committee will research and will send data and information to Dian Mathews via e-mail. Data and information can include “junky yards” and vehicles. Dian will compile the information and the committee will decide when they will meet. Find Municipal Law Lecture I “Sign Regulations and Home Occupations...” (2011).

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Planning Board Secretary – The position is still open. Lucinda Parrott has accepted another position. At this time the Chair will sit at the Gould House (Mon.4-6 PM) for PB Office Hours. The Chair will also type this month’s minutes. All PB members are asked to put out feelers for a new secretary. Pay will be \$15 per hour.
2. There will be a DOT Public Hearing for the 2019-2028 Ten Year Plan. Districts 2 & 5 will meet in Keene, September 20, 2017 at the Keene Recreation Center at 12:30 PM.
3. The Chair of the ZBA has asked to attend next month’s meeting. Chris Madden will inform him he will added to our agenda. (re: ADU Ordinance)
4. Ruth Ward donated a copy of “A Hard Road To Travel” to the PB Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Dian Mathews, Chair and Temporary Secretary