

Lyme Planning Board Minutes
February/22/2018

Board Members and Staff Present: John Stadler, Chair; Tim Cook, Vice Chair; C Jay Smith, Select Board Representative; Vicki Smith, Member; David Roby, Jr. Alternate David Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Board Members Absent: Eric Furstenberg, Member; Amber Boland Alternate;

Members of the Public Present: Rich Brown, Steve Williams, Scott Bailey.

Item 1: Public hearing, required by RSA 231:158 to discuss tree trimming operations along the Orfordville Road. Steve Williams, the Road Agent, stated that he would like to remove the trees that have crept into the roadway, most of which have been damaged by snow removal operations.

Vicki asked if the stumps would be removed. Steve stated that some of the stumps that are close to the edge of the roadway would be removed but the majority would remain.

Tim asked if the road was going to be widened. Steve said that there was no intent to increase the width of the road.

John noted that one letter was received from a resident approving of the tree removal.

John stated that the state statute requires that the Planning Board provide written consent for the removal of the trees. John asked the Planning and Zoning Administrator to draft a letter for the Board.

Item 2: Acceptance of minutes from February/08/2017

Vicki moved to accept the minutes as submitted.

Tim seconded the motion.

John called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Planning Goals for 2018.

The Board decided on the continuation of two major projects for 2018. First is the Housing chapter for the master plan and second is a senior housing article for the zoning ordinance.

Housing Master Plan Chapter.

To get the process started, John had written a draft outline for the Housing chapter. The Board reviewed and edited the draft outline. The Board assigned portions of the outline to each member for completion. The Planning and Zoning Administrator to look at the previous (1986) master plan to see if it had a housing chapter. Vicki noted that a housing chapter is not required by the state statute, so this one might be the first.

Senior Housing Zoning Article.

The board discussed changes proposed by Vicki, including adding a mixed use component, and decided to include them in the current draft version. There was agreement amongst the Board members that additional work needed to be done on the Housing Chapter of the Master Plan before this article could be formally sent to a vote at Town Meeting. The Board wanted to be sure that the conclusions and recommendations in the Housing Chapter could in fact, support the creation of the Senior Housing Article. Only after the research for the Master Plan including the planned build-out analysis, would the Board know if the Town supported this approach.

Item 4: New Business.

Vicki noted that the School District Meeting was on the same night as the Planning Boards next meeting (March 8th, 2018). The Board voted to cancel their meeting to allow people to attend the School District Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted
David A. Robbins
Lyme Planning and Zoning Administrator.