

Lyme Planning Board Minutes
Aug/23/2018
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Planning Board Members and Staff Present: John Stadler, Chair; Tim Cook, Vice Chair; Vicki Smith, Member; David Roby, Jr., Alternate; David Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Planning Board Members Absent: Eric Furstenberg, Member; Amber Boland, Alternate; Rusty Keith, Select Board Representative;

Lyme Community Development Committee Members Present: Earl Strout, Chris Ramston, Sue Mackenzie, David Schafer.

Steve Whitman and Russ Thibeault, Rich Brown via video conference.

Members of the Public Present: Kevin Sahr, Lynore Bolton, Martha Tecca.

Item 1: Planning Board and Lyme Community Development Committee Joint Meeting.

The Planning Board and the Lyme Community Development Committee met for a working session to discuss the findings of Resilience's economic analysis and to discuss the next steps to take in preparation for the October Forums.

Steve Whitman and Russ Thibeault, as well as Rich Brown attended via video conference.

Russ said that his findings show that the various development scenarios studied would be unlikely to have a significant positive impact on Lyme's Tax base.

Sue expressed disappointment that the results were not more positive, particular with commercial development. There was discussion about trying a different approach.

Chris said he was satisfied that the results in hand were accurate. There was general agreement with Chris' view.

Rich wanted a new analysis done incorporating the assumptions of Roger Hawks who had been used by Rich's Pinnacle Project. Hawks concluded that denser multigenerational developments had fewer student ratios. Russ agreed to do this.

Vicki said school numbers should reflect Lyme's unique trends and not inapplicable state numbers Hawks used.

Steve asked for volunteers to help him with the Questionnaire. John and Dave Schafer agreed to participate.

Changes were made to the Flyer.

Russ and Steve said they would send the new information to the Planning Board and the LCDC for review.

The joint meeting ended at 8:33 pm.

Item 2: Acceptance of minutes from August/09/2018.

John moved to approve the minutes as written.

Vicki seconded the motion.

John called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Other Business.

The Planning and Zoning Administrator passed out four sets of applications covering the next three meetings. He noted that two members and an alternate were absent so he will send the materials to those members separately.

Tim had noted at the last meeting that it appeared that one of the power companies had trimmed trees along their power lines on Breck Hill Rd. Breck Hill is a scenic road and he was concerned that the trimming was done without permission.

The Planning and Zoning Administrator had investigated and found that the power lines run on the outside of stone walls that define the road ROW and were not subject to the scenic road rules.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator and
John Stadler, Planning Board Chair.