

Lyme Planning Board Minutes
12/10/2020

Board Members and Staff Present: John Stadler, Chair; Tim Cook, Vice Chair; Ben Kilham, Select Board Representative; Vicki Smith, Member; Eric Furstenberg, Member; David Van Wie, Alternate; Rich Brown, Alternate; Richard Menge, Alternate; David Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Board Members Absent: None

Members of the Public Present: None

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the Board met on-line via Zoom

John opened the meeting by reading the Right to Know Checklist and taking a roll call attendance.

Item 1: Senior Housing Zoning Amendment.

Town Counsel had reviewed the proposed senior Housing Zoning amendment and had recommended some minor changes. John and the Zoning Administrator read through the changes recommended by the Town's lawyer.

The Board reviewed the lawyer's recommendations and updated the amendment to reflect those recommendations.

John asked if the Board had any other edits or if they felt that it was ready to go to a public hearing. The consensus of the Board was to hold a public hearing.

John moved to hold a public hearing on the amendment on January 14th, 2020 at 7:00pm
Vicki seconded the motion.

John called for a roll call vote of the Board members and passed the motion unanimously.

Item 2: Acceptance of minutes from 11/26/2020

Rich Brown objected to the characterization of the procedural discussion in the draft minutes he offered an alternate description. The Board disagreed with Mr. Brown.

John moved to approve the minutes with minor corrections.

Vicki seconded the motion.

John called for a roll call vote of the Board members and passed the motion unanimously.

Item 3: New Business.

Rich Brown asked about Planning Board projects for 2021. Specifically, he was interested in working on a housing chapter for the Master Plan. He had several areas of research that he wished the Planning and Zoning Administrator to take on. The Administrator noted that the Board had not chosen a direction to take with a housing

chapter and that would be premature for him to spend time on research that may not be pertinent to the Board.

Vicki believed that the buildout for the Lyme Commercial District should be completed first as it may provide input for the housing chapter.

John noted that the Board usually sets their workload after Town Meeting in March.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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