

Town of Randolph

Planning Board Minutes

February 2, 2017

Members Present: Arlene Eisenberg, Roberta Arbree, John Scarinza, Robert Ross and John Turner

Public Present: Michelle Cormier, Barbara & Bill Arnold and Charlie Lowe

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Chairman Scarinza

Minutes of January 5, 2017 – On a motion from Arlene with a second from Robert, all members voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Scarinza opened the public hearing at 7:03.

Sign Ordinance: Chairman Scarinza explained that the board was proposing changes to the Land Use Ordinance partly due to a Board of Adjustment case requesting a larger sign that allowed by the ordinance. Some of the changes would allow a larger sign on Route 2, clean up some of the verbiage, reduce heights allowed, add wording that would not allow vehicles to be used as a way to circumvent the ordinance, address temporary signs, limit bright and/or flashing signs, address outdoor lighting and limit how long temporary signs can be left up after an event. John Turner questioned why the board decided to limit the sign size to 24 sq ft instead of 32 sq ft. The board felt that 24 sq ft with the right design would be sufficient and if a larger sign was required the applicant could apply to the Board of Adjustment. Arlene made a motion to not make any amendments to the proposed changes which received a second from Roberta. John & Robert voted against the motion and Roberta, Arlene & Chairman Scarinza voted in favor of the motion. The proposed changes will be on the Town Warrant in March.

Driveway Regulations – Chairman Scarinza explained that the only change to the regulations was to add language drafted by the Town attorney explaining why driveways were limited to 750’.

Town Forest Budget: Chairman Scarinza explained that no income from Timber Harvest was anticipated in 2017 but income would be realized from a Maple Lease. Expenses in 2017 are planned to include maintenance on the Pond of Safety road, boundary painting, parking maintenance and moving a gate from Bowman to the Farrar Farm near the meadows to stop people from driving through the meadows when bating bear, brush cutting, mowing wildlife openings, education & research, website maintenance, mapping, trail maintenance and the PILOT payment to the Town of Jefferson.

Chairman Scarinza closed the public hearing at 8:02 pm. Robert made a motion to approve the budget as proposed which received a second from John. All members voted in favor.

New Business: John cautioned that an upcoming article to purchase land outside of Randolph should only be this one parcel and not a blanket approval. Chairman Scarinza explained that the Conservation Commission can buy land but cannot do so without permission of the Board of Selectmen and after a public hearing.

Adjournment: On a motion from Roberta with a second from John, the board adjourned at 8:09.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle M. Lutz
February 7, 2017

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