



Canaan Planning Board  
Meeting of January 14, 2021  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Minutes

**Call to Order:**

6:00 John Bergeron called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with attendees attending via the Zoom app.

**Members Present:**

John Bergeron, David Auerbach, Claude Lemoi, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend, and Andy Van Abs. John Bergeron appointed alternate member Richard Clancy to act in Christopher Wadsworth's absence.

**Others Attending:**

Virginia and William Hart, Jacob Burgess

**Minutes Review**

Board members reviewed minutes from the October 22, 2020 meeting. Claude Lemoi moved and Andy Van Abs seconded the motion to approve the minutes as revised. The vote on the motion was: John Bergeron, David Auerbach, Richard Clancy, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend and Andy Van Abs in favor; Thomas Oppel abstaining. The motion was passed.

Chuck Townsend read and board members reviewed minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting. Andy Van Abs moved approval as revised and Tom Oppel seconded the motion. The vote was: John Bergeron, David Auerbach, Richard Clancy, Claude Lemoi, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend and Andy Van Abs in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chuck Townsend read and board members reviewed minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting. Tom Oppel moved approval as revised and Andy Van Abs seconded the motion. The vote was: John Bergeron, Richard Clancy, Claude Lemoi, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend and Andy Van Abs in favor; David Auerbach abstaining. The motion was passed.

Chuck Townsend read and board members reviewed minutes from the January 11, 2021 meeting. Claude Lemoi moved approval as revised and Tom Oppel seconded the motion. The vote was: John Bergeron, David Auerbach, Richard Clancy, Claude Lemoi, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend and Andy Van Abs in favor. The motion was passed.

**Public Hearing Lot Line Adjustment, Properties of Virginia and William Hart**

John Bergeron read and the board reviewed the checklist. Andy Van Abs moved that the board find the application complete for public hearing and Tom Oppel seconded the motion. The vote was: John Bergeron, David Auerbach, Richard Clancy, Claude Lemoi,

Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend and Andy Van Abs in favor. The motion was passed. There was minimal discussion of the plan.

6:59 John Bergeron closed the public hearing. Claude Lemoi moved that the board accept the lot line adjustment as presented and Andy Van Abs seconded the motion. The vote was: John Bergeron, David Auerbach, Richard Clancy, Claude Lemoi, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend and Andy Van Abs in favor. The motion was passed.

### **Discussion of Route 4 Bridge Restorations**

The board discussed the N.H. State plans for work on the bridges. Andy Van Abs brought up concerns about the current safety of the intersection of Route 4 with West Farms Road and Blackwater Road and the possible exacerbation of the dangers during work on the bridge. John Bergeron said he would communicate the concern to the State Dept. of Transportation.

### **Discussion of the Land Use/Zoning Ordinance**

John Bergeron reported that the Canaan Town Attorney had advised him that the hearing on January 7, 2020 had not been properly noticed. After extended discussion the board agreed to call an additional public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance on January 25, 2021 at 10 am, a date that would allow adequate notice and still allow placement of the ordinance on the Town Warrant. The discussion then would have to be limited to editorial changes and a decision on whether voting on the ordinance should be brought to the town this year.

### **Discussion of Floodway and Floodplain Regulations**

Chuck Townsend reported that the current Floodway and Floodplain Regulations appear to be incomplete and outdated. He agreed to bring a draft of an updated plan to the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Discussion of Wind Ordinance and Site Plan Regulations**

The board agreed to discuss the draft Site Plan Regulations at one of the next two meetings.

### **Adjournment**

7:47 David Auerbach moved and Andy Van Abs seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All board members, John Bergeron, David Auerbach, Claude Lemoi, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend, Andy Van Abs and Richard Clancy voted to accept the motion.

### **Respectfully submitted:**

Chuck Townsend, Secretary