



Canaan Planning Board
Meeting on May 13, 2021
Meeting via Zoom
Minutes

Call to Order:

6:30 John Bergeron called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

John Bergeron, Claude Lemoi, Dave McAlister, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend, Chris Wadsworth, Andy Van Abs.

Minutes Review:

Board members reviewed minutes from the April 22, 2021 meeting. Claude Lemoi moved and Dave McAlister seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Voting in favor of the motion were John Bergeron, Claude Lemoi, Dave McAlister, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend, Chris Wadsworth and Andrew Van Abs. The motion was passed.

Correspondence Review:

No new correspondence

Voluntary Lot Merger for James and Mary Magnell:

The merger would join the small Map 5 Lot 6 parcel into the large Map 5 Lot 3 parcel. Both lots front on Maple Street. The board reviewed the application and Chuck Townsend moved approval. Andy Van Abs seconded the motion. Claude Lemoi questioned whether bank approval was needed based on the property mortgage status. After discussion the motion was amended to make the approval conditional on evidence that there was no mortgage on the property. Voting in favor of the revised motion for conditional approval were John Bergeron, Claude Lemoi, Dave McAlister, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend, Chris Wadsworth and Andrew Van Abs. The motion was passed.

Lot Merger for Chris Dow:

The plan would merge the Map 15C Lots 5A and 5B on Pinewood Acres Drive. The board reviewed the application and Dave McAlister moved approval conditional on evidence that there was no mortgage on the property. Thomas Oppel seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were John Bergeron, Claude Lemoi, Dave McAlister, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend, Chris Wadsworth and Andrew Van Abs. The motion was passed.

Wind Ordinance and Site Plan Regulations:

Claude Lemoi will present further work at the next meeting.

Road list consolidation:

Andy Van Abs shared a spreadsheet he had prepared showing Canaan road information gathered from available existing road lists. The sources included the Canaan 911 listing compiled by the N.H. Dept. of Safety, a Canaan Town Road spreadsheet, the Canaan Police road list, the N.H. Dept. of Transportation 2021 list, and the geographic.org website. The discussion concerned alternate names used for roads on the various lists, missing road lengths, and unclear definition of the road endpoints. Road agent Bob Scott had not yet responded to attempts to contact him to determine the information he could add. Board members agreed on the value of the creation of a single list with complete road information including road condition and status. The office of Canaan's Building Inspector was proposed as the keeper of a final list. Andy Van Abs agreed to continue working on creating a consolidated list.

Adjournment:

7:10 The next meeting is scheduled for May 27 at 6:30 via Zoom. Dave McAlister moved and Claude Lemoi seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All board members present, John Bergeron, Claude Lemoi, Dave McAlister, Thomas Oppel, Chuck Townsend, Chris Wadsworth, and Andrew Van Abs, voted to accept the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Chuck Townsend, Secretary

Board Officer Election

Andy Van Abs moved and Tom Opper seconded a motion to put forward a slate of officers with John Bergeron as Chair, Claude Lemoi as Vice-Chair and Chuck Townsend as Secretary. the slate of officers was approved with positive votes by John Bergeron, Claude Lemoi, Dave McAlister, Thomas Opper, Andy Van Abs, and Chris Wadsworth. Chuck Townsend, accepting the nomination reluctantly, abstained.

Adjournment

7:37 Tom Opper moved and Dave McAlister seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All board members present, John Bergeron, Claude Lemoi, Dave McAlister, Thomas Opper, Chuck Townsend, Andy Van Abs, and Chris Wadsworth, voted to accept the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Chuck Townsend, Secretary