



Canaan Planning Board
Meeting on January 26, 2023
Mascoma Community Health Center/Zoom
Minutes

Call to Order:

6:30 pm. John Bergeron called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

John Bergeron, Claude Lemoi , Tom Oppel, Corinne Morse, Michael Riese, Nicholas LaValley Dan Collins (Selectboard Ex Officio). Cody Hussey via Zoom (for health concerns). Alternate Nicholas LaValley represented Richard Clancy and Michael Riese represented Christopher Wadsworth for voting purposes.

Members Absent: Christopher Wadsworth and Richard Clancy

Minutes Review:

Claude Lemoi *Moved* and Dan Collins *Seconded the Motion* to approve the Minutes, subject to correction of one typographical error.

** Motion was approved unanimously.

Correspondence Review:

John Bergeron presented to the Board the recently received 2022-2023 edition of the NH Planning & Land Use Regulations Handbook issued by the NH Office of Planning and Development. A copy of the handbook will also be available at the town office.

Canaan Appeals Process:

John Bergeron led a discussion intended to clarify the current process for parties to appeal a decision by the Town (ie: Boards, Commissions, Officials or Agents). Specific examples and scenarios were discussed at length. Depending on jurisdiction, appeals are directed to either of the Board of Adjustment, Board of Appeals, Selectboard, NH Housing Appeals Board or Superior Court.

Building Code Ordinance Amendments:

Following a review of the proposed Warrant Articles for Building Code Amendments and having confirmed that merging the Board of Adjustment and Building Code Board of Appeals is permitted by state law,

Claude Lemoi *Moved* and Tom Oppel *Seconded the Motion* that the Planning Board recommend Article 2 be presented for a vote at the Town Meeting.

** Motion was Approved unanimously.

Claude Lemoi *Moved* and Tom Oppel *Seconded the Motion* that the Planning Board recommend Article 3 be presented for a vote at the Town Meeting.

** Motion was approved unanimously.

Claude Lemoi *Moved* and Tom Oppel *Seconded the Motion* that the Planning Board recommend Article 4 be presented for a vote at the Town Meeting.

** Motion was Approved unanimously.

Tom Oppel *Moved* and Dan Collins *Seconded the Motion* to recommend the Planning Board provide the Town Clerk with a complete list of language changes in Amendments #1, #2 and #3 so that they be made available to the Voters.

** Motion was Approved unanimously.

Driveway Regulations:

Tom Oppel reported on his research of Canaan Land Use ordinances concerning driveway regulations. He subsequently created a document with corresponding internet links to NH State RSA's and has distributed the document to Board members for their review in advance of possible discussion at a future Planning Board meeting. The intent of the project is to establish more consistency in the driveway permit process across all categories of road (ie: state, municipal, private or Class VI).

Other Business:

Corinne Morse, Tom Oppel and Claude Lemoi confirmed their candidacies for a Planning Board term in the upcoming March 2023 Town Election.

Next Meeting:

The next Planning Board meeting is currently scheduled for February 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Mascoma Community Health Center.

Adjournment:

7:42 PM. Tom Oppel *Moved* and Corinne Morse *Seconded the Motion* to Adjourn.

** Motion was Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Riese, Planning Board Scribe