

SHARON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Draft until approved at the next regular meeting

A regular meeting of the Sharon P & Z Commission was held on March 13, 2019 at 5:30PM at the Town Hall. Present were regular members MacMillan, Hall and Lynn; alternates Wilbur and Moskowitz; Land Use Administrator Casey, Jim Gillespie and the secretary.

Vice Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30. Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Moskowitz were made voting members for this meeting.

Mr. Wilbur made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz.

There were no public comments.

With no corrections, the 2/13/19 minutes stood approved as submitted.

The permits issued since the last meeting were: Gene Black – finish basement to a family room; and Carrie Guillory – construct barn with a shed roof over slab.

Old Business:

No action taken on either fire protection items. The Town installed a dry hydrant at the stream on Mitchelltown Road but at this point it is non-functional. If functional, then the Huntington Kildare/Metz situation would be taken care of.

As of now, the General Expense line item in the P & Z proposed 2019-2020 budget has been reduced to \$3,500 by the Board of Selectmen. Members can ask at the budget hearing to be held April 26, 2019 at 7PM that the reduction be reinstated to put that line item back to \$5,000. All other line items remain the same. Members were urged to attend the hearing.

New Business:

The dues to the CT Federation of P & Z Agencies is due = \$110.00. Land Use Administrator Casey reviewed with the Board the importance of belonging to this Agency – responses to calls made to Attorney Steven Byrne are at no additional charge and workshops held are done at a reduced cost to the Commission. Mr. MacMillan made a motion to pay the dues, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz, with all in favor.

An application for a re-subdivision on Herb Road has been submitted by James Gillespie. The Commission needs to set a hearing date. Land Use Administrator Casey stated that the proposal is fairly simple and the application appears to be complete. She would ask that Mr. Gillespie bring a map showing the compilation of the property so that the Commission can see where all the various lots that Mr. Gillespie has owned have gone to over time. Mr. MacMillan made a motion that the hearing on this re-subdivision application be set for April 10, 2019 at 5:30PM, seconded by Mrs. Lynn, with all in favor.

Land Use Administrator:

Land Use Administrator Casey passed out copies of proposed Zoning Regulations for the Town of Cornwall concerning “Farms, Farming and Agriculture Regulations”. The hearing on these proposed amendments is tonight, although she just received the notice yesterday. Her office has received a number of inquiries about farm markets and sustainable food products being grown and sold on ones’

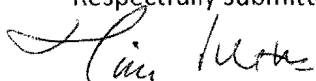
property. The current Health Code on Farm Markets is now 167 pages. Our Regulations do allow for farm stands in the rural residence district. She asked that the members review Cornwall's proposed Regulations so that this Commission could look at possible regulations to: allow for farmers markets and other agricultural uses. Mrs. Hall commented that the Commission should also look into regulations that would allow for old barns to be used for another purpose.

In case Commission members were unaware, Land Use Administrator Casey told the Commission of the passing of our engineer Rich Calkins. He gave the Town extraordinary service to this Town and will be very difficult to replace. The Commission uses an engineer on an as needed basis.

Susan Lynn is now a Regular Member on this Commission.

With nothing further, Mrs. Lynn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. MacMillan, with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:53.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Pitcher, Recording Secretary

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