

APPLETON PLANNING BOARD

October 21, 2019

Attending: Gary Roberts, Ed Carroll, David Kelley, Dan Wyman,
Bill Kasabuski, Bill Perhach

Reviewed, corrected, and approved minutes from last meeting

Ed has not heard from Mr. Maddocks regarding proceeding with an application for site plan review. Ed also checked with Dave Schoefield, CEO, who reports he hasn't heard that Mr. Maddocks plans to proceed.

Ed encouraged Bill K and Bill P to request full copies of Town ordinances from the Town Clerk.

Ed gave an overview of the usual practices and procedures of the current Planning Board for the benefit of new members, including a description of the Open Meetings Act.

Gary did a review of the State's most recent guidance regarding subdivisions. (Land Use Ordinance, Chapter 187, subchapter 4).

-New regs might suggest that yurts, treehouses, and such, might be seen as "dwellings" and could trigger subdivision guidelines. Gary is willing to contact MMA for further guidance in compliance with this.

Ed suggests that all members check their working copies of ordinances in comparison with the most current ordinances posted on the Town website. If we need updated copies, we can get them from the Town office.

Gary asked for a better, more legible, copy of the Shoreland Zoning Map. Ed agreed to seek that out, along with digital copies for board members.

Ed asked members for input in determining tasks for the planning Board in the coming year. Gary suggests, as the Town has a Comprehensive Plan Committee at work on a new plan, we may be asked to review/refresh/offer suggested changes to our current ordinances.

Ed reports that the Board of Appeals is meeting this week to consider a request for variance for a setback. This may be of interest to Planning board Members.

-The Board of Appeals hasn't met in years

-When residents acknowledge that they are out of compliance with an ordinance, they can go to the Board of Appeals to request a variance.

Adjourned.