



**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL, 85 MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, NH 03263**

MEETING MINUTES OF Thursday May 2, 2019

ITEM 1 – Call to order – 7:00 P.M.

Paul Nickerson handed out the meeting rules as follows:

The room is to be quiet and cell phones shut off. Everybody gets to talk without interruption on the board and in the public. Hands will be raised to be recognized by the chair. In the public your name will be given, and a time limit will be set. Any disruption you will be told to sit down and be quiet or leave the room. The public may speak only in public session. And other rules may apply.

Call to order at 7:12 P.M. by Paul Nickerson

ITEM 2. – ROLL CALL

Members Present

Paul Nickerson – Chairman

Clayton Wood – Vice Chairman

Daren Nielsen

Matt St. George

Carl Anderson – ex-officio member

Adam Gauthier – Alternate

James Adams – ex-officio Alternate

Members Absent

None.

ITEM 3 – Public Input

Fred Hast stated he looked on the website for the agenda and inquired about it being posted on the website, Carl Anderson stated that Administrative Assistant Bonnie Theriault had trouble putting the agenda on the website.

Public Input closed 7:19 p.m.

ITEM 4 – Nomination of Larry Konopka, Ray Ramsey, and Arthur O'Hara for alternate positions – 3-year term

Paul Nickerson asked Ray Ramsey, Arthur O'Hara, and Larry Konopka to come forward.

Paul Nickerson: I make a motion to nominate Larry Konopka as a Planning Board Alternate.

Carl Anderson: Second.

Discussion: Paul Nickerson asked Larry Konopka if he is willing to work with this board and other boards and schools of this town as a whole, and to be involved to enhance the prosperity and growth of this town. Also, work to make it easier and more accessible for people to buy and build and for companies to locate to Pittsfield. Larry Konopka stated yes, he would.

Vote carries 3-0-2 Paul Nickerson – yes, Matt St. George – yes, Carl Anderson – yes, Clayton Wood – abstain, Daren Nielsen - abstain.

Adam Gauthier inquired about the vote to nominate, and believes they should be appointing. There was some discussion and it was determined that they should be appointed.

Clayton Wood: I make a motion to appoint Larry Konopka as a Planning Board Alternate for a 3-year term.

Carl Anderson: Second.

Discussion: None.

Vote carries 3-0-2 Paul Nickerson – yes, Matt St. George – yes, Carl Anderson – yes, Clayton Wood – abstains, Daren Nielsen - abstains.

Clayton Wood suggested having the terms alternate so they are not all done at once. Paul Nickerson inquired with Arthur O'Hara if he was ok with doing a 2-year term, and Arthur O'Hara was fine with that.

Clayton Wood: I make a motion to appoint Ray Ramsey as a Planning Board Alternate for a 3-year term.

Carl Anderson: Second.

Discussion: Paul Nickerson asked Ray Ramsey if he is willing to work with this board and other boards and schools of this town as a whole, and to be involved to enhance the prosperity and growth of this town. Also, work to make it easier and more accessible for people to buy and build and for companies to locate to Pittsfield.

Vote carries 4-0-1 Paul Nickerson – yes, Clayton Wood – yes, Matt St. George -yes, Carl Anderson – yes, Daren Nielsen – abstained.

Carl Anderson: I make a motion to appoint Arthur O'Hara as a Planning Board Alternate for a 2-year term.

Matt St. George: Second.

Discussion: Clayton Wood asked Arthur O'Hara to introduce himself to the board. Arthur O'Hara stated he has lived on Barnstead Road for 17 years, and does not have any plans on going anywhere. He stated that he is looking to serve his community. Clayton Wood inquired if he has served on any other boards. Arthur O'Hara stated that he has not. Paul Nickerson asked Arthur O'Hara if he is willing to work with this board and other boards and schools of this town as a whole, and to be involved to enhance the prosperity and growth of this town. Also, work to make it easier and more accessible for people to buy and build and for companies to locate to Pittsfield. Arthur O'Hara stated he would.

Vote carries 4-0-1 Paul Nickerson – yes, Clayton Wood – yes, Matt St. George -yes, Carl Anderson – yes, Daren Nielsen – abstained.

ITEM 5 – Approval of the minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting

Paul Nickerson: I make a motion to approve the April 4, 2019 meeting minutes.

Clayton Wood: Second.

Discussion: Matt St. George stated that on page 4, he abstained from the vote to approve the minutes, and Daren Nielsen voted for that item.

Clayton Wood: I amend the motion to approve the April 4, 2019 minutes with corrections.

Paul Nickerson: Second.

Discussion: None.

Vote carries 4-0-1 Paul Nickerson – yes, Clayton Wood – yes, Matt St. George -yes, Daren Nielsen – yes, Carl Anderson - abstains.

ITEM 6 - Discussion of Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Review Regulations, and Subdivision Regulations binders – members

Paul Nickerson stated that he will make sure all members will have an updated version of the Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Review, and Subdivision Regulation for review before the May 16, 2019 meeting. Paul Nickerson informed all the members of the board that they will also receive the updated Zoning Ordinance.

ITEM 7 – Report from Adam Gauthier for the Rail Trails meeting of April 17, 2019

Adam Gauthier stated that he was not able to make the meeting. Paul Nickerson stated that he will contact them to see if he can get any information regarding the results of that meeting.

ITEM 8 – Discussion and vote to dismiss the Master Plan Committee and bring it back to the Planning Board

Paul Nickerson stated that he did not see any report in the town report on the progress of the Master Plan, and is not sure there are many people on the Master Plan Committee. The board discussed the members on the committee and discussed asking the members come to a Planning Board meeting before any vote is taken. Carl suggested Paul Nickerson come to the next Master Plan Committee meeting.

Carl: I make a motion to table this item.

Clayton: Second.

Discussion: None.

Vote carries 5-0-0 Paul Nickerson -yes, Clayton Wood – yes, Matt St. George -yes, Daren Nielsen – yes, Carl Anderson - yes.

Clayton needed to step out of the meeting and Adam Gauthier stepped forward at 7:52 p.m.

ITEM 9 – Selectmen's report

Carl Anderson discussed the process for appointments to the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, and stated that the selectboard is the entity who appoints the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission members. He went on to say that the selectboard appointed Gerard LeDuc, as an alternate.

Carl Anderson discussed a training opportunity for the zoning and planning boards, and gave the details of the training. He inquired if there were any board members interested in attending this training, and discussed a time for the training that would work for everyone. Carl Anderson mentioned that the cost is \$550.00, and if the planning board would like to participate, they would split that cost with the zoning board.

Matt St. George: I make a motion to approve the training and split the expense with the zoning board and to use the funds from the educational portion of the budget.

Adam Gauthier: Second.

Discussion: There was discussion pertaining to the board members availability to attend the training. After discussion, it was agreed that Carl Anderson should schedule the training.

Vote carries 5-0-0 Paul Nickerson -yes, Clayton Wood – yes, Matt St. George -yes, Daren Nielsen – yes, Carl Anderson - yes.

Carl Anderson inquired about the alternate's email addresses being available, so they can be noticed along with everyone else about the training. Paul Nickerson stated that he can check with Bonnie about that, and asked Arthur O'Hara and Ray Ramsey stated that their emails are on their application.

ITEM 10 – Member's concerns

Daren Nielsen stated that he liked the Rules of the Meeting that Paul Nickerson handed out before the meeting and thanked him for doing it. There was some discussion pertaining to the rules being a part of the Rules and Procedures, and a time limit on the speaking time.

Adam Gauthier inquired with Daren Nielsen about the reason for abstaining from the vote for the alternates. Daren Nielsen stated that he is not familiar with any of the applicants except for Larry Konopka, and felt he should be equal with all of them. Adam Gauthier mentioned that he has abstained 8 out of 11 votes since the election. Daren Nielsen stated that he may abstain more, and stated that when he feels his vote is important, and what they are voting on is important then he will vote. Jim Adams expressed his thoughts concerning the voters expecting him to vote yes or no. Daren Nielsen stated that there is an abstention option. Jim Adams agreed but stated that is used only if you really feel you need to recuse yourself. Daren Nielsen expressed his opinion of his right to vote how he wants to vote, and Jim Adams expressed his opinion of doing what the voters of the town elected him to do. POINT OF ORDER by Paul Nickerson. Paul Nickerson proceeded to explain to Jim Adams that Daren Nielsen was fine because he does not know the alternates. Jim Adams proceeded to express his concern with other abstention votes. Daren explained his reasoning for his abstention vote. Daren Nielsen stated he does not need to explain his votes to anyone and he will vote how he wants. Jim Adams expressed his opinion that the voters elect planning board members to vote and serve for the people. POINT OF ORDER by Paul Nickerson, and stated that they both are in the right and that they need to move forward and work together and he will speak with them both later.

ITEM 11 – Public input

Gerard LeDuc stated he appreciates the board taking advantage of the training that is being offered. Gerard LeDuc also stated that the more information they can learn about land use will be helpful when making decisions, and encouraged them to take advantage of all training offered.

Daren Nielsen inquired about anyone going to the annual conference in Concord. Paul Nickerson was not sure. There was some discussion pertaining to funds and opportunities for training. Carl stated that they can record the training with the municipal association if anyone would like to listen that can't attend.

ITEM 12 - Adjournment

Paul Nickerson: I make a motion to adjourn.

Carl Anderson: Second.

Discussion: None.

Vote carries 5-0-0 Paul Nickerson -yes, Clayton Wood – yes, Matt St. George -yes, Daren Nielsen – yes, Carl Anderson - yes.

Approved:

Paul Nickerson July 8, 2019

