MEETING MINUTES OF Thursday, December 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chairman, J.C. Allard at 6:50 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
J.C. Allard, Chairman
Jim Adams
Carl Anderson

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Gerard LeDuc, Vice-Chairman
Carole Richardson

EMERGENCY MEETING
Selectboard consideration of Citizen Petitions for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

Carl explained that he requested an emergency meeting to be called by Chairman Allard in order to comply with RSA 675:4, Method of Enactment by Petition.

Two citizens’ petitioned proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance had been submitted to the Select Board Administration Office by James Pritchard at 5 PM on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, which was the last hour of the last day of the petition period. Cara Marston being out on medical leave, Bonnie Theriault accepted the petitions and placed them on the agenda for the Planning Board meeting scheduled for the 10th, so the Planning Board could set the date for a public hearing on the amendments. RSA 675:4 II requires the Planning Board to set the public hearing dates at the next scheduled meeting following the end of the petition period. Unbeknown to Bonnie, there is a step between submission of the amendments by the petitioner and the setting of the hearing date by the Planning Board required by RSA 675:4 I. This step requires the Select Board to determine if the proposed amendments are in correct warrant article form, and to then submit the amendments to the Planning Board.

Select Board representative to the Planning Board, Carl Anderson, stated that he wasn’t aware of the proposed amendments until he saw the email containing the Planning Board agenda Thursday morning the 10th. It had been sent the night before at 9:35 PM but Carl had not seen his email that night. There was only one way to comply with the letter of the law, RSA 675:4, and that was to have a last-minute emergency meeting of the Board of Selectmen prior to the Planning Board meeting.

Chairman Allard agreed, and said he would do his best to finish up his duties in the Legislature early enough to get to the town hall in time. James Adams, Select Board alternate to the Planning Board, was also able to arrive early in order to accommodate the time-crunch facing us.
We reviewed the two proposed amendments and determined that they were in proper warrant article form. The full text of the two amendments can be found on the town web site in Agendas and Minutes, Planning Board meeting 12/10/2020, agenda Article 7, c & d.

James Adams motioned to accept both amendments as written, and submit them immediately to the Planning Board, seconded by Carl Anderson. There was no further discussion. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Carl Anderson motioned to adjourn; James Adams seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59.

Approved:

James C. Allard, Chair

Date 12/22/20