

Minutes for Tuesday, November 17, 2015 Planning Board Meeting

1. Call to Order: David Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Introduction of Attendees: Present were: Chairman David Johnson, Members Dan Cousins, Kevin Taylor, and Gail Bartlett, Alternate Member Ron Kiesman, and CEO Eric Gulbrandsen. Absent was Secretary Laura Chadbourne.

3. Minutes from the October 20, 2015 Meeting: The minutes were reviewed by the group. Gail Bartlett moved and Dan Cousins seconded the acceptance of the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CEO's Report for October 2015: Eric Gulbrandsen presented the CEO report for October 2015. The following activity occurred:

1. BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:

Michael & Peggy Constantino, Knights Hill Rd. R8,14-1,2.5 story 3302 sq. ft. single family
\$421.24

2. R. V. PERMITS ISSUED:

NONE

3. CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED:

Robert & Kimberlea Foster, Lochan Way, R9, 27-3

4. VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED:

Central Maine Power, vegetative screening Bridgton & Webber Pond Roads.

5. TIMBER HARVEST NOTIFICATIONS:

Sam Black, 372 Sam Ingalls Rd, R6, 20

Louis Clark, Lovell Rd., R4, 9

Howard & Joan Buker, R4,10B

6. OTHER:

Conversation with CMP over how to rectify N.O.V.

Fielded calls about chicken farming at Jane Gibbons' home

Received CMP plan for resolution to N.O.V.

Gail Bartlett moved and Kevin Taylor seconded the acceptance of the CEO's October report. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Communication & Bills

A. Correspondence Received (by date):

1. 11/14/15: Letter 10/26/15 from Central Maine Power to the CEO was forwarded to the PB Secretary on 11/10/15 via email. Secretary forwarded email to PB Members on 11/14. Letter contains proposal from CMP on restoration of screening plantings at road crossings in Sweden.

B. Correspondence Sent (by date):

1. 11/15/15: Letter dated 11/14/15 from PB Chair to Selectmen recommending Town of Sweden Fee Schedule changes was left in the Selectmens' mailbox at the Town Office.

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6. Old Business:

- A. **Central Maine Power vegetative screening:** group discussed response dated 10/26/15 from Central Maine Power regarding the vegetative screening proposed restoration. Secretary Chadbourne had pulled out the original CMP Conditional Use Permit plan for planting trees. Eric noted that CMP rules have changed, restricting planting height to 10 feet; therefore, screening will never be as it was. CMP will stagger hemlocks and balsam firs, or are willing to build a fence 8 feet high. Gail expressed concern over language in the letter from CMP noting a termination of responsibilities after 1 year. Eric stated that CMP just doesn't want to come back constantly. Dave noted that we've done all that we can do. All agreed a fence would not work and that CMP should plant trees. A suggestion was made that CMP do maintenance to ensure new growth.

7. New Business:

- A. None.

8. Announcements:

- A. The next regular Meeting will be **Tuesday, December 15th** at 7:00 PM at the Sweden Town Office.
- B. The board has an opening for one Alternate Member (Alternate Members serve a 1-year term). Should anyone express interest, they can be appointed by the Selectmen.

Gail Bartlett moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 PM. Chairman David Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bartlett
Acting Secretary, Sweden Planning Board