

Town of Stow Planning Board

Minutes approved

July 8th, 2024

Present: R. Flint, J. Blake, J. Luongo, Alternate M. Peterson, C. Butter

Absent: A. Higgins

July 8th, 2024, Meeting 6:11 PM

Board Business:

- Minutes from 5/13/2024 accepted (All in favor)

End Board Business

Old Business:

- Penalties for code violations
 - Identified Section 14 – 7 of existing code has fines from \$5-100. Need to update to be in lines with state values – J. Luongo to draft update
- Water Extraction Ordinance
 - Given to Selectboard for reviewed by attorney
 - J. Luongo to follow up with Selectboard
- Comprehensive Plan
 - Changeover of folks at Southern Maine Development and Planning Commission. Getting new contact – J.Luongo to follow up
- Internet upgrades for town
 - R. Flint provided update on ESRB progress
 - Franchise agreement signed by Selectboard. Waiting on Spectrum to sign.
- Non-accepted roads and building permits
 - R. Flint working with Selectboard to catalog all roads
 - Need to determine legal status of those roads
- Permit Expiration
 - Septic System Permit Expiration Dates
 - Permits good for 2 years from state
 - J. Luongo to draft change to require yearly renewal with town after initial 2 years
 - Building Permit Expiration

- Should there be a renewal process and/or fee vs. getting new permit for expired permits
- Discussion of renewal after initial 2 years
 - One year renewal for ½ fee?
 - Two years renewal for full fee?
 - J. Luongo to discuss with office staff the best option from administrative perspective.

End of Old Business

New Business:

- Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance
 - Citizens looking to pass Food Sovereignty ordinance
 - Citizens using petition process to bypass Planning Board review
 - Planning board should be prepared to address any deficiencies in this ordinance as it would go into immediate effect if passed
 - Recommendation vote from Planning Board should be included in Warrant if passed via petition

End of New Business

Future Agenda Items:

End Future Agenda Items

Next meeting 12th of August, 2024 @ 6pm

Meeting Adjourned 7:1PM