

Town of Stow Planning Board

Minutes approved

September 9th, 2024

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

Absent: A. Higgins

September 9th, 2024, Meeting 6:06 PM

Board Business:

- Minutes from 8/12/2024 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 again
- Internet upgrades for town
 - R. Flint provided update on ESRB progress
 - Fiber build-out beginning shortly. Should be turning on folks by Thanksgiving.
- Non-accepted roads and building permits
 - Road Taskforce working on road status catalog
 - Will review once they have outputs
- Permit Expiration
 - Septic System Permit Expiration Dates
 - Permits good for 2 years from state
 - J. Luongo to draft change to require renewal with town after initial 2 years
 - To match with State, renewal will be for additional 2 years at full permit fee
 - 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
 - Propose Two years renewal for full fee
 - J. Luongo to discuss with office staff on best option from administrative perspective.
- Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance
 - Citizens looking to pass Food Sovereignty ordinance
 - Suggestion to add mandatory disclosure for sold items to ensure consumers are informed
 - Should have a hearing for citizens to discuss
 - Town staff will send out notification
 - We should ensure that Health Officers and citizens proposing ordinance attend

End of Old Business

New Business:

- Request from Budget Committee to think about 2025 budget

End of New Business

Future Agenda Items:

End Future Agenda Items

Next meeting 21th of October, 2024 @ 6pm – Change from regular schedule

Meeting Adjourned 6:52PM