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Stow Planning Board Monthly Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2017

Attendees: Melvin Peterson, Tony Higgins, Steve Dupuis, Michael Mendonca; Cliff Brown

Alternates – Cynthia Layne-Butters, Laurie Campanelli; Guests: Carrie Garland, Ronnie McAlister (C.E.O.)

Old Business:

A. Minutes Approval: May 2, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

B. Agenda Change: The board moved/seconded/voted to hold old business to allow Ronnie McAlister to present his business of getting the board to adopt state changed Shoreland Zoning Ordinances.

New Business:

A. Shoreland Zoning Ordinances: Ronnie presented the new state Shoreland Zoning Ordinances for the board to review. After discussion, the board moved/seconded/voted for members to review the lengthy document (those on-line capable would do so, Melvin was given a hardcopy) and at the next meeting would vote for adoption as is or amend with stricter regulations if needed. The board thanked Ronnie for his attendance and diligence in the matter.

Old Business:

C. Land Use Zoning/Street Acceptance Ordinance: Ronnie remained to express his concern with the Barbour Rd situation. He feels this issue has raised a great deal of trouble for road inhabitants, PB-CEO relations, and adherence to existing ordinances. The Nov. 7th, 2016 letter from the legal offices of HastingsMalia was mentioned and the special town meeting that ensued from it. Ronnie stated that he is here to help, and the board expressed appreciation for his assistance. Further discussion resulted in how the board has been diverted (comprehensive plan adoption, Barbour Rd special meeting) in its long endeavor to review and amend the 1990/1988 ordinances that would hopefully result in better understanding and compliance. All agree that many terms and definitions in the said ordinances are conflicting and need immediate attention, particularly driveways, right of way, and non-conforming lots. Michael stated that the Feb. 21, 2017 meeting did show how the board is moving forward by establishing an amendment to the driveway definition. Members agreed that at the next meeting, and once the business of the shoreland ordinance adoption is complete, the board will tackle the definitions of right of way and non-conform/conforming lots.

Steve reminded the board that in order for business to properly be conducted, members need to adhere to the agenda; and if someone visits and the board recognizes that that person is not there to see the board for any person business, just observe, than to stay on task to agenda items and the visitor will not be allowed to speak, unless addressed to. Members agreed with Steve's assessment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for: July 18th , 6 pm due to the July 4th Tuesday

Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Mendonca