

Parsonsfield Planning Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2018
Minutes

Planning Board Members in Attendance: Justin Espinosa, Will Ryan, Nate Stacey, Rick Sullivan and Andy Yale

CEO David Bower in Attendance

Also in Attendance: Caroline Chute, Corey Lane, Gerard Clifford, Jeff Wright and Joe Wright.

Mr. Espinosa called meeting to order at 7:00.

June minutes Reviewed and Approved

Mr. Espinosa made a motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Mr. Stacey. One correction was made, adding Mr. Anderson as present. The minutes were approved as amended.

Watson Woods Subdivision: There was a misunderstanding. They were not to be included in the June agenda.

Shoreland Updates to Land Use and Development Ordinance: After reviewing the changes to our Land Use and Development Ordinance accepted by vote of the Town last September, DEP is requiring additional updates. The updates have been made, and we need to have a public hearing before the changes are voted on at Town Meeting in September.

Mr. Bower: We should tentatively plan for a public hearing prior to next Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Espinosa suggested August 21st at 6:30 for the public hearing.

Mr. Clifford agreed that there were deficiencies and a public hearing is needed.

Mr. Bower will provide Board with specific changes that were made.

Shopping Guide ad August 8th and 15th

Lisa will create an Excel sheet with monthly tabs for board members present.

Mr. Espinosa discussed areas that the Board and its governance can improve upon.

Mr. Ryan suggested reviewing current comprehensive plan, do research, see where improvements can be made. Reach out to local businesses. Get input on what works and what does not.

Mr. Yale will reach out to CAB.

Mr. Espinosa will email a letter by next Friday. Purpose, motivation and direction.

Mr. Stacey: Southern Maine Planning and Development, Maine Municipal Assoc – do they have someone that focuses on small businesses.

Mr. Ryan: Small Business Bureau.

Mr. Sullivan: Better Business Bureau.

Mr. Clifford: Encouraged Board to be aware of how our Ordinance is working or not working.

Ms. Lane: Did the entire Board get the updates?

Mr. Espinosa: Is there a list of business applications? We will look through records.

September 18th would be the meeting. Advertise for the meeting. Planning Board workshop to review that our town is business friendly.

Water Protection: Mr. Sullivan encouraged Board to read it. He feels it is solid. He recommends no changes.

Food sovereignty: Mr. Sullivan still waiting to hear back from a few people. He will report back in October.

The Board would like to address the marijuana ordinance. It is important to come up with language that simplifies a vote. The Board needs to look at a workshop date and research medical versus recreational. Maine Municipal had a seminar on marijuana. JP will invite them. We will hold a workshop on August 7th at 6:30. This will be included in the August 1st Shopping Guide.

Current application meets all the requirements for subdivision ordinance. ?Soil testing, etc.

Mr. Stacey suggested we send questions off to town lawyer regarding the new application from Watson Woods.

Mr. Ryan suggested earmarking areas of question to save money and time for lawyer.

Mr. Bower to send lawyer contact information to Mr. Espinosa. Mr. Espinosa will consolidate questions and send them to the Board. Then email questions to our lawyer along with a copy of the application.

Mr. Stacey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Yale seconded this motion. All members were in favor.

Next meeting: August 21 at 7:00