

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Town of Winslow, Maine

December 3, 2014

Members Present:

Mike Parker (Chairman)

Dominic Carter

Caleb Albert

Michael Desrosiers

Others Present:

Dabney Lewis

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 pm

Old Business:

Acceptance of October's minutes clarification for Dabney of which zoning districts were included in the final decision on page 2. Discussed allowing Planning Board to have the option to reduce or increase setback buffers as needed in a case by case need. Board also confirmed decision on the dumpster to be picked up weekly, unless complaints come to surface and then PB should have the right to require more frequent dumpster pick-ups. Motion to accept and Dominic 2nd the motion unanimous vote. Minutes accepted and Mike to present the changes to the council.

Thank you to The Chairman for welcoming Bette aboard, and acknowledging our team working together so closely and successfully in such a short amount of time.

New Business:

1. Council asked the Board to review of 2015 Property Maintenance Code book and the code Enforcement officer gave a short review. Our biggest issues are with vacant buildings & Foreclosures not being maintained and safe. The intent of the 2015 Property Maintenance Code book is to utilize the basics of the codes but make adjustments and revise it to fit Winslow. It is to include all abandoned and vacant buildings that have been neglected and not kept to code, and to also include Apartment buildings. The code should not be intended to be used for single family occupied dwellings, only the vacant and abandoned. A question was presented asking if the responsibility for the enforcing the code will fall on the Code Enforcement Officer and other enforcement officials. Dabney explained the first part of the process does to prove property unfit or inhabitable. That the codes would cut down the process of long legal hearings and lengthy expensive court processes. One concern was that we don't have staff to oversee another code.
2. Dabney will try to have first 2 chapters broken down and re-written for the PB to review.
3. Shoreland Zoning Board newsletter should be put through as an email monthly.
4. The Board agreed going forward to keep the Open Forum on the agenda monthly.

5. Packets will be made and ready for PB members to pick up in the office 10 days prior to the next meeting and will be mailed if not picked up. The Secretary will mail the left over packets out for the members to have over the weekend.

Motion to adjourn 7:48 Dominic 2nd the motion.

Bette Bouchard
Secretary to the Planning Board