

## Planning Board Minutes

The Planning Board met on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, in the Ross Room at the Public Safety Building beginning at 7:00 PM

**Planning Board Members Present:** Bob Earnest, Jane Frizzell, Danny Molloy, Nancy Hill, and Chip Corson. **Absent:** Kyle Koerber and Caitlin Bowman.

**Also present:** Carol White and Gloria Brown

**1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Bob Earnest called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

### 2. Review minutes

**Motion:** Moved by Jane Frizzell and seconded by Chip Corson to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting.

**Vote: 5-0; motion carried**

### 3. Review homework assignments

Bob ...

- was not successful in getting through to MMA regarding the first two items on his list. He will keep trying.
- contacted Ester re: fuel assistance fund serving as a confidential collector of folks who would like a DEP visit to look at their fuel tank relative to possible subsidized replacement. Ester agreed and suggested that the collection of such information would best occur after a public meeting with folks from DEP.
- talked to Ester and Deb Hall about publishing our series of aquifer protection educational write-ups in the Calendar. They agreed to publish on or near the Town's monthly article.
  - Bob already submitted the first overview article for the January Calendar.
  - Bob will work with Nancy and Beverly for distribution of the same information on Bev's site and on other media.

Nancy ...

- showed a poster from a prior-year school project done in conjunction with Weather Blur. Beverly was involved in that project and is excited to work on a similar project about aquifer protection.
- Bob will coordinate with Nancy and Beverly.

- Carol said she has some educational posters Nancy might like to use.

Danny ...

- recommended a website: spokanaquifer.org – lots of good ideas for promoting aquifer protection
- showed several samples of bumper stickers – different shapes, colors, slogans
- suggestions from discussion
  - maybe three different slogans
  - words all in one color
  - try for slogans that are positive – “Protect Our Aquifer” instead of “No Aquifer / No Island”
- Danny will incorporate suggestions and bring back more samples

Chip ...

- provided two handouts
  - *Anti-Freeze Fluid Environmental and Health Evaluation* from University of New Mexico
  - *The Environmental Effects of Ground-Source Heat Pumps – A Preliminary Overview* from Illinois State Geological Survey
- discussion comments
  - risk to aquifer from anti-freeze used by plumbers closing up houses for the winter
  - risk to aquifer from leaking of geothermal heat pumps. Should new installations be allowed on the island?
  - shallow vs. deep heat pumps
  - heat pump installation regulated by the State of Maine

Bob referred to a list of Potential Workshop Discussion Items proposed for the January Select Board meeting. Items include removal of old cars, an ordinance definition of “shed,” and a voluntary well testing program.

#### **4. Next article for Calendar: Who? Topic?**

- Chip will draft an article about maintenance of septic systems for the February Calendar.

#### **5. Review maps of open space as intro to discussion regarding our next focus area from Comp Plan.**

- a. 1 zone / 1 table?**
- b. CCLT / trails?**
- c. Next steps?**

- Bob presented color copies of maps from the Comprehensive Plan which, although dated, give a lot of information.
- Discussion about holding a public workshop to get ideas and support from the public for maintaining and preserving the character of all the islands (#9), as well as sustaining a viable and diverse community (#2).
  - new Power Point presentation
  - possibly in March
- Add "short-term rentals" to this focus area
- HOMEWORK: Everyone to work on flushing out details of bullet points of the goals to prepare for public workshop

#### **6. Other business**

- Bob asked Carol about the aquifer risk analysis conducted in about 2010 for the Comp Plan. Carol explained how the risk factors were prioritized. She has information from that time which may be helpful to the Board, which she will gather and give to the Town to be scanned.

#### **7. Public comment - none**

#### **8. Adjourn**

**Motion:** Moved by Chip Corson and seconded by Danny Molloy to adjourn at 8:22 PM.

**Vote: 6-0; motion carried**

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7 PM, at the Ross Room in the Public Safety Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Brown  
Deputy Clerk