

Planning Board Minutes 4/18/2024

Town Hall 6:30pm

Board Members present: Jessica Westhaver, Andrew Poland, Frank Poland, John Bowers (alt)

Board Members absent: Ben Pendleton, Mike Rosa, Andrea Perley

Also Present: Mary Piasecki, John Lappen, Alex Beaudet, Ken Kortemeier, Joe Rose, Erin Reeves

Meeting called to order at 6:32 by Jessica Westhaver

New Business: Shoreland zone camping

Jessica asked if there had been any communication between the state and the CEO. Joe Rose said yes that Colin Clark of the Maine DEP Shoreland Zoning Unit emailed and said that their position had not changed. That the camping activity at the Olde Bristol Historical Society is OK per the DEP.

Alex Beaudet questioned the activity at the OBHS as being used as a campground vs. camp site. Alex stated that he had an email from the OBHS detailing the future use of the property for camping. He also stated that he had emails from Colin Clark stating that the town can go above and beyond the DEP to enforce land use.

Jessica asked Alex to forward all of his correspondence to do with this issue to her.

The Planning Board stated that in the Ordinance it says a campground is improved to be used for repeated camping. They feel this once a year and not repeated over and over throughout the entire season and that the SLZ Ordinance is written to promote commercial fishing activity and that allowing fishermen to stay closer to their nets is accomplishing that.

Alex told the Board that ever since camping has been allowed trespassing and trash issues have been much higher on his property. He also said the fisherman are leaving items in the river that do not belong there. The Planning Board told Alex that they cannot stop these things from happening and that he should call the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department for help with these issues.

The Planning Board will reach out to the OBHS by drafting a letter to them to find out what their intentions are going forward concerning the camping on their property.

Old Business: Comprehensive Plan Review

The Select Board decided to send the Comprehensive Plan to North Star for final formatting and then send it on to the state.

The Planning Board's factual edits were included in the plan, but not formatting or opinion edits.

The CP should be back to the town by April 23rd to be mailed to the state. The PB agreed that they would like to reach out to Mathew Eddy of MCOG to have him review the CP once it is back from the state.

Jessica stated there will be a 25 day period for public comment on the CP.

Approval of minutes from 3/21/24 meeting: Andrew motioned to approve: Frank seconded. All in favor.

Joe stated that numerous permits for dock repair were being turned into Code Enforcement and that there will be a lot of construction in the coming months.

Jessica asked for a copy of the PB bylaws to be provided to each member so they could be reviewed.

The bylaw review and letter to the OBHS will be on the agenda for the May 2nd meeting.

Jessica adjourned at 7:47

