

**NEWRY PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, August 7, 2019**

Full discussion on topics below is available on audio recording at the Newry Town Office.

Members Present: Doug Webster (Chair), Dave Bartlett (Vice Chair), Becky Bean

Members Late:

Members Absent: Brooks Morton (Secretary), John (aka Gootsch) Gauthier,

Staff Present:

Call to Order: Chairman, Doug Webster, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Current Attendance/Quorum: The Chair took attendance and confirmed the presence of a quorum. The Chair noted the newest member, Becky Bean, who was sworn in earlier today.

Prior Attendance/Voting Eligibility: In terms of voting eligibility on the application, all members present are eligible to vote since it is a new application.

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The Board reviewed the June 19th meeting minutes. **Becky moved to accept the minutes as written. Dave seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed with all voting in favor.**

Old Business - none

New Business

- a) **Chris Hooper – medical marijuana pre-application conference:** The Chair noted that he spoke with Chris Hooper, and Chris will not be attending until he see what is happening with the Town's marijuana laws.
- b) **Joe Aloisio of JAGJA – Merrill Hill Site Plan application (#19-250):** Joe Aloisio of JAGJA, representing Merrill Hill LLC, distributed copies of his application and explained that he is before the Board because the owner of Merrill Hill Estates, Katie Meador, needs to update the plot plan for that subdivision adding metes and bounds to the common lot. The lines have not changed; it is the original property lines.

Joe noted that a copy of the letter of authorization is on file with the original application for Merrill Hill.

Joe paid the application fee of \$25 with a personal check numbered 1343.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sunday River phone number noted on the application as Joe's contact number. Per Dave's request, Joe changed the phone number listed on the application to his home phone.

Becky moved to find this application complete, application #19-250 for Merrill Hill Estates. Doug seconded. During discussion, Dave confirmed that the complete application includes the revised phone number. With that confirmation, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chair asked if the Board felt that a site visit or a public hearing is needed for this application. The Board replied unanimously that neither is needed.

Dave moved that the application be approved. Becky seconded. For the record, the Chair noted that the Criteria for Approval was reviewed during the approval process for the original application and that this current application is just adding the metes and bounds information to that same plan; therefore the Criteria for

Approval does not need to be reviewed again. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The recorder was paused with the Board proceeded to sign the Mylars and plans.

Findings of Fact - none

Mail

- *None of the Board members who were present at tonight's meeting were able to access the Board's email account. The Chair noted that he deleted some routine announcements from MMA, and that he did not notice any new emails.*

Open Discussion

- a) Doug handled the duties of Secretary at this meeting, stamping the approved application, giving the applicant's check to the Town Office, etc. Dave offered to cover these duties moving forward while Brooks is out if someone trains him.
- b) The Chair confirmed that all members present tonight are available to attend the executive session scheduled for 6pm on Aug. 21.
- c) Discussion ensued in regards to Gootsch. Doug noted that he would try to contact Gootsch to see if he is still planning to serve on the Board. Gootsch's term expired in July; he has not attended a meeting since July 3rd, and his contact information is no longer valid (the phone # on file is disconnected and the email address that the Board has on file comes back as failed mail since early July).
- d) The Board talked about the Town's efforts to recruit Planning Board members. They brainstormed the names of other townspeople who may be interested in serving on the Planning Board. Names that were mentioned included: Rick Nelson, Amy Call, Kelly Scott, Heather Vale, Amy Roberts, David Walker, Nancy Babcock, Susan Herlihy, Brad (who lives across the street) or his wife, or Retta Powers.
- e) The Board members discussed the upcoming executive session.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 21.

Adjournment **Becky moved to adjourn; Dave seconded. Motion passed with all voting in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.