

**NEWRY PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

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

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

Members Late:

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

Staff Present: Dave Bonney (Code Enforcement Officer)

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Webster called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM directly following the end of the Executive Session, which began at 6pm.

Current Attendance/Quorum: The Chair took attendance and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Prior Attendance/Voting Eligibility: The Chair confirmed that all members who are present are eligible to vote on the applications below.

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The Board reviewed the previous meeting's minutes. **David moved to accept the minutes as written. Becky seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed with all voting in favor.**

Old Business - none

New Business

- a) **Peter Roberts of Sunday River—New Surface Lifts (#19-251):** Peter Roberts distributed his application and supporting materials, and explained the resort's plan to overhaul its ski school's learning area. The plan is to remove the current conveyor-belt surface lift and the twin zipline, and install three new conveyor-belt surface lifts, which will be incrementally steeper, for a better learning experience in that area. The Sundance trail will be regraded and will be fenced off to limit the skier traffic in that area. Peter noted that the tentative plan is to install the lifts this fall before the new ski season.

The applicant paid the \$560.20 application fee with check # 63945.

Peter stated that he called some of the abutters, but will also write and send the abutter notices. Peter will send an email to the Board when the letters have been sent.

Waivers being requested include: the traffic study, and the review by the Fire Chief, Road Commissioner, and the Sheriff's office since the general land use is not changing, and the peak usage of the roads and other infrastructure are not changing.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed change to the ski-in/ski-out access for Fall Line Condominium.

The Board will review the application and supporting material for discussion at its next meeting. This item will be added to the Board's September 4th meeting agenda.

Findings of Fact

- a) **Joe Aloisio of JAGJA – Merrill Hill Site Plan application (#19-250):** The Board reviewed the Findings of Fact. It was noted that the application did not include the Project Location and Zoning District. The Chair noted for the record that the zoning district is Resort Development and the project location is Merrill Hill.

Doug moved that the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law for Application 19-250 is complete. David seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mail

- The Chair reported that there were only the typical emails from MMA regarding Planning Board beginner classes and some correspondence between him and the town in regards to the timing of tonight's executive session.

Open Discussion

- a) The Chair announced the good news that Brooks is expected be discharged from medical rehabilitation and return to his home this Friday.
- b) In terms of the Executive Session held earlier tonight, the Chair suggested that the Board think about what it could do to speed up the application process. He also talked about what he feels the Board is allowed to do and what is not allowed to do outside its public meetings. Following discussion, Doug stated that he would stop by the Town Office and talk with Amy in regards to having the Town Office receive applications for review and then the applications are forwarded to the Planning Board after the Town Administrator's review. Doug also mentioned that he would try to be more timely at checking the Planning Board emails in regards to applicants' requests to be added to the agenda and responding to those emails.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Adjournment **Becky moved to adjourn; David seconded. Motion passed with all voting in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

APPROVED