

Those present in the Conference room of the Town Clerk's office for the 7 p.m. meeting, were Board Members; William Biddle, Bruce Denio, Karen Stark, Dennis McLam, Dakota Butterfield, and Mark Bowen; Secretary, Shirley Warden and applicant Charles Somers.

Chairman, Biddle called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m..

Under Members of the Public, Warden explained that Mr. Somers had submitted an application for the former DeBarge property in McIndoe Falls. His proposal is to replace the mobile home on the existing slab and add 2 bedroom apartment in the existing shop building. The question is the shopbuilding is 46 feet from U. S. route 5 does it need a setback waiver from the Board?

Mr. Somers said he will use the existing pad for the MH and will not make any changes to the foot print of the other building.

Bowen moved and Butterfield seconded to allow Warden to issue the permit. All voted to approve.

McLam moved & Butterfield seconded to approve the November 5, 2019 minutes as presented.

Warden gave the correspondence: a notice from Better Building by Design conference on February 5th & 6th, 2020; copies from the Agency of Natural Resources sewage & water permits issued to Mary Ellen Perillo to replace a system for the new house and to Jonathan & Tammy Carpenter to replace a failed system.

Warden noted a letter from Scott Olson requesting input for the Passumpsic River Watershed project. This is an online survey and it was hard to understand. Biddle said he found the survey confusing and had contacted Sacha Pealer for help in this matter.

Butterfield handed out copies, from Allison Low at NVDA, for the Enhanced Energy Section of the Barnet Town Plan. This would meet the energy section of the Plan with Act 1741.

Butterfield & Bowen reported on a meeting they went to on ~~the energy issue~~ at NVDA with Allison Low. It seems that the regional plan doesn't include any more wind projects. ~~One of the big issues is there is no need for the energy in this area.~~ *details about enhanced energy plans*

It was decided that the Board Members should read the information from Low and have her come to the February meeting to answer any questions.

Warden had prepared the annual report of the Board for the Town Report. Butterfield moved to replace the section concerning the amendment to the Town Plan for "Village Center Designation". Stark seconded and all Voted to change this section.

Butterfield said she had gone to the VLCT workshop on inforcement, and had learned a lot especially on codes.

Butterfield did an attendance chart for 2019, it was noted that Pierce had missed 7 of the eleven meeting held. This puts stress on the Board to have a quorum. It was noted that his term is up July 1 2020. According to the Boards Rules of Procedure missing "3 consecutive unexcused meeting or 50 percent of the total meeting in a calander year," a member can be requested to resign.

Bowen moved to have Biddle write Peirce a letter asking him to resign. Denio seconded and all agreed.

Biddle reported that Trent Roy and John Fairchild had showed interest in joining the Board. It was decided to forward the name of Trent Roy to the Selectboard for appointment.

After discussion of the energy efficiency for the new Town Clerk's office. Bowen moved that Butterfield would do a letter for the Selectboard's next meeting, that the proposal for the vote for the new Town Clerk's office include energy efficiency & long term operating costs. She will do a draft and email to Board Members. Stark seconded and all voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m..

Shirley Warden
Shirley Warden, Secretary
Barnet Planning/Zoning Board

*Approved as
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