

## **MADISON PLANNING BOARD**

Minutes

October 7, 2015

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

Members Present: David Cribbie, Noreen Downs, Marc Ohlson-Chair, and Andrew Smith

Members Not Present: John Arruda, Brian Fowler and Phil LaRoche

Others Present: Paul King, Ron Force, Chris Young- Recording Secretary

Meeting Agenda Posted: 9/23/15 at Madison Town Hall, Madison Post Office, and Silver Lake Post Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Ohlson called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.
2. **APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES:** No alternates present to be appointed.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Downs to approve the agenda of the 10/07/15 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Cribbie moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public to comment.

**6A. REVIEW OF NEW APPLICATIONS:** Preliminary Review for a Boundary Line Adjustment from Tom Fadden & Harold Whitaker, Paul King – agent, 161 Goe Hill Rd., Tax Map 247 Lot 34, Rural Residential District (15-06).

Mr. King approached the Planning Board with a plan to adjust the boundaries of three tracts. The Planning Board reviewed the diagrams. There was a question about the new tract that would be formed north of the road (Tract II) as to whether it would have the minimum 2 acres of land that was not categorized as steep slope. Another question that arose was whether giving the south west tract (Tract I) 60 feet of frontage on the Class V road would be enough to eliminate it from the RSA 674:41 review process. The board decided to get legal council on this matter. Mr. King also requested the Planning Board allow him to survey the property using a method less used when stone walls mark boundaries. As these three tracts had just recently been unmerged from an involuntary merged status and the tax maps do not have them listed, the Planning Board desired the more frequent standard surveying method be used. Mr. King requested the council's answers be given him before the next meeting. Unless there was an unforeseen problem that needed board discussion, the Planning Board felt this could be done.

### **6B. PENDING PROJECTS:**

- i) The town is still waiting for the bond before the Drew Excavation Permit can be issued.

- ii) The final plat for the Parson-Sweeney Boundary Line Adjustment still has not come in.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:** The CIP spreadsheet was looked at in detail. There were two major expenses in 2021 that needed some clarification. One was a \$575,000 purchase of a replacement tanker by the Fire & Rescue Department. The other was a \$200,000 purchase of a 6 wheel dump truck by the Highway Department. Both of these could be lease purchases and would be less of a burden to the taxes. Mrs. Downs will approach the Fire Chief and see if this would be considered for the replacement tanker and Mr. Young will approach the selectmen and see if this could also be done with the dump truck. Another concern was over the possible duplication of warrant articles for road repair. Lines 1-6 of the Highway Department are for road maintenance and rehabilitation and lines 12a and 12b are for paving overlay and drainage of High Street. Had the High Street repaving already been included in lines 1-6? Mr. Young would pursue the answer to this as well. Mr. Force asked if the CIP could be updated before the next Advisory Budget Committee meeting on October 27. Mrs. Downs and Mr. Young thought that would be possible.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** The Planning Board 2016 budget proposal was prepared. The budget remained the same as the 2015 budget. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Downs, to approve the 2016 Budget. The motion passed.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None

10. **SELECTMEN'S REPORT:** None

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A request from NH OEP to fill out a survey on NH Smart Growth Policies had been made.

Mrs. Downs raised the question of what services the North Country Council provides for the planning board and whether the town could become members of the Lakes Region. Mr. Young will look into getting a representative from the North Country Council to come talk to the planning board about the services they can provide.

Mr. Smith reported on his attendance of the "Hard Road to Travel" workshop. IT was very valuable as it took legal terms and made them understandable to the layperson.

12. **ADMINISTRATION:** The Planning Board discussed giving Mr. Young a step increase in pay. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Downs, to recommend a step increase in pay for Mr. Young to the Selectmen. The motion passed.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Downs moved, seconded by Mr. Cribbie, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next Public Hearings & Regular Meeting is November 4, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Young  
Land Use Boards Administrative Assistant  
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