

Approved Minutes
Town of Ryegate, Vermont
Planning Commission & Zoning Board
March 21st, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Members present: Alice Allen, Mary Dole, Steve Genereaux, Rick Colby, Wally Brag, Bill Elder, Regina Hazel, Nancy Perkins, Donna Longmore, Freemont Nelson-chairman.

Minutes of the February 21st, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

The board warmly welcomed Regina Hazel as our new member. Next, the board had to elect the Chairman, and Vice Chairman roles. Nancy Perkins nominated Freemont Nelson for the position of Chairman. Alice Allen seconded the nomination for Freemont. There was a motion to cease nominations, and the motion was moved. Freemont is the current Chairman of the board. Next, were the nominations for Vice Chairman. Mary Dole nominated Rick Colby. Steve Genereaux seconded this nomination. Nancy moved to cease nominations, and the motion to have Rick Colby as the Vice Chairman was moved. Freemont appointed Christle Page as the board's current clerk.

Next, Donna Longmore shared her building permits. She shared with us that Craig Darlings addition to his business was successfully moving forward. She also shared Michael Green's permit for an apartment over his garage. Donna did research, and learned that this addition was considered just an accessory, and she approved it without any problem.

Donna Longmore sadly handed in her letter of resignation to the planning board. Steve Genereaux moved the motion to accept her resignation, and Mary Dole seconded this. The motion was passed.

The board briefly discussed land ordinances, and how there seems to be no punishment for someone that does not fill out a building permit. There was also a brief discussion on the junk ordinance.

The next topic that the board discussed was the position of a new Zoning Administrator. There was a suggestion that Bill Heto should be asked to fill this position. There was a motion to contact him, and see if he would like to join the board as our administrator. This was motioned by Alice Allen, and seconded by Mary Dole. The motion was approved, and Steve Genereaux volunteered to get into contact with Bill Heto.

There was discussion on the solar bylaws. Steve brought his brainstormed ideas on the kinds of changes the board could make to the bylaws. The board all liked his ideas, and it was agreed that Steve was to come up with examples of suggested change to the town plan.

Regina Hazel shared the changes in Vermont's open meeting laws. The board reviewed the laws, and asked her clarifying questions.

There was a motion, by Steve to adjourn the meeting. Rick seconded this motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Christle Page