

**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
MAY 28, 2014**

Mr. Chris Maron called the Meeting to Order at 7:03 P. M. with the following members present; Ms. MaryLou Fitzgerald, Mr. Dwight Anson, Mr. Ken White. Alternate present, Ms. Cynthia Fairbanks. Also present, Mr. George Hainer, Building Codes/Zoning Officer. There were no representatives from the public.

Minutes: The Minutes of the April 23, 2014 Meeting. Mr. Maron had a question. There were corrections emailed, do you know how those were different from the first ones.

Mr. Hainer – I don't.

Mr. Maron – There were, I think, about five pages.

Ms. Fitzgerald – I didn't notice a lot of changes.

Secretary's Note: The changes to the Minutes were either spelling or grammar and in one instance a page number.

Mr. White – I move to accept the Minutes.

Ms. Fitzgerald – I second.

Mr. Maron – Is there any discussion? All in favor, carried.

Bobby McGee – Tax Map No. 66.2-2-24.200 – Follow Up.

Mr. Hainer – We have not received, we submitted the information to the lawyer, we've not received a "draft letter" yet.

Mr. Maron – Ok, so, the lawyer hasn't acted on that?

Mr. Hainer – No. He's had other Town issues to deal with, and he hasn't addressed this yet.

Mr. Maron – Ok. Is that fairly normal that it takes him that long.

Mr. Hainer – Like I said, there's other issues that came up, and he was diverted away, he should be back on it now.

Ms. Fitzgerald – Until then it's we're at a standstill on that issue?

Mr. Maron – Right, it appears so.

Mr. White – Have you had any other conversations with Bobby?

Mr. Hainer – No.

Mr. Maron – Ok. Unless there's any comments on that, I guess one thing I'd say for the record. It's unfortunate that Bill resigned as our Chair, at this time. It's the first time that I remember that we've had a Permit that's been in question, and I think he would have shown good leadership during this, so I think it's a disadvantage, I think, but I guess we'll figure it out and move forward.

Ms. Fitzgerald – I was asking earlier if we should do something separate as the Planning Board versus what the Town, George said the Town has been doing something.

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Mr. Maron – To honor him or what.

Ms. Fitzgerald – To honor him.

Mr. Hainer – They normally send a plaque in gratitude, for years of service. They had a Town Board meeting last night, they announced it.

Mr. White – He should be duly noted, in the Minutes, that the Planning Board certainly appreciates the efforts that Bill has put in, obviously a lot of hours besides the meetings, and his field of expertise, he showed good leadership to us and he led us down through many convoluted twists and turns, I'm sure I speak for everyone that we really appreciate what he has done for us.

Ms. Fitzgerald – It's going to be a big gap to fill.

Mr. Hainer – I hope the next chairman can live up to it, he made my job a lot easier.

Ms. Fitzgerald – And, the two of you worked together well. As George was saying he was fast to send out all the emails.

Ms. Fairbanks – How long was he here.

Ms. Fitzgerald – He was here before I was here.

Ms. Fairbanks – How long was that?

Mr. Hainer – Two-thousand four, maybe.

Ms. Fitzgerald – At least.

Mr. Hainer – I think Earl Barber was around 2002, Bill was the next one. It's been quite a while, 10, 12 years. We will miss Bill.

Ms. Fitzgerald – For sure. Sorry this happened.

Mr. Maron – The leadership he showed working through Rolling Hills Development. As far as us doing something as a Planning Board, maybe that's something we can discuss after the meeting. Is there any "Other" business?

Ms. Fitzgerald – I move that we adjourn.

Mr. Hainer – Are you going to discuss anything as far as how we're going to proceed, a chairman or appointment of a chairman, the procedure.

Mr. Maron – I think we should wait until Alan, is Alan going to be able to make most of the meetings?

Mr. White – Or, while he's not here, shall we appoint him?

Mr. Maron – Alan, you mean, he's Vice Chair, he's the obvious one.

Mr. Hainer – Yes, except that –

Mr. Maron – He should become the Chair.

Mr. White – He has to be here to consult him.

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Ms. Fitzgerald – If we appoint him, should he accept, then does he appoint the Vice Chair, or does the Board pick a Vice Chair?

Mr. Anson – I think the Board does.

Mr. Hainer – You know what I could do, I could email you, everybody, a copy of the By-Laws.

Ok, from the Board.

Mr. Hainer – Then we could go from there. But we are going to be down two Alternates, and another member, right, I mean if you move up we're going to be down two Alternates and then we're still down one more member, right. But, the Town Board has put an ad in the paper, it will have an ad in the paper next week seeking candidates.

Mr. White – Do we still have a candidate left over –

? -- Do you think he would still be interested?

Mr. Maron – Stites McDaniel? I think he probably would be, I'm not sure if he was Chairman of the Board for the Lakeside Pre-school, that might have taken up whatever time he had.

Mr. Anson – The only objection I had with him, I didn't feel he had been living in Town long enough.

Mr. Maron – Ok.

Mr. Anson – Did he really know what's going on and in the Town and how things worked, that was the only objection that I had. I think it should be somebody that's been in Town for a while.

Ms. Fitzgerald – We could have him come in as an Alternate.

Ms. Fairbanks – Also, I think the fact that he expressed a wish to do it, someone I'm sure who could do research. I mean I certainly lived here for 13 years, I didn't have a clue (couldn't hear rest of comment).

Mr. Anson – You should have the last year.

Ms. Fairbanks – The last year, yes –

Mr. Maron – I guess in a way since the Town is putting an ad in, we'll see who applies and if he applies again, I guess it might be worthy discussion. Of course, it's a year later, so if he does apply –

Ms. Fairbanks – (unable to hear comment)

Mr. Hainer – Well, who here is interested, if somebody is interested, anybody interested, I mean, if Alan doesn't take it –

Mr. Maron – I'd be interested.

Mr. Anson – I thought Mr. White would be interested.

Mr. White -- Mr. White is not interested, doesn't have the time.

Mr. Anson – That's usually the problem.

Mr. Maron – I thought of Mr. White, too, I must admit, I don't have the time either, but we'll see what Alan, if he has the time.

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Mr. Anson – How long does Alan have to retire, from what he’s doing?

Mr. Hainer – Could not hear comment.

Mr. Maron – Any other business? Stepping back to Bobby McGee, is there anything we have to think about that, the lawyer, anything. I mean I can’t think of anything, George brought up we’re maybe rushing to close too quickly.

Mr. Anson – I think the lawyer ought to look at the situation, get a response from him before we do anything.

Mr. Maron – Yes, or have him send a letter.

Mr. Hainer – He’ll send a “draft letter”, I’ll circulate it and you can comment on it, and take it from there. I’ll call him tomorrow. Like I said, he had some other important business he had to take care of for the Town, otherwise we would have had something by now.

Ms. Fitzgerald – We need to find out from Alan to what degree he’ll serve as even Vice Chair, I mean who’s going to be passing messages back and forth and to what capacity get responses back from the lawyer, just some basic correspondence, just keep it moving.

Mr. Hainer – Right.

Ms. Fitzgerald – He may say, “I have no time” and he may say, “I’ll do what I can”.

Mr. Maron – So, your question is who’s prodding the lawyer to act in behalf, is that –

Ms. Fitzgerald – That’s just an example.

Ms. Fairbanks – Or, who does the lawyer approach?

Mr. White – Who represents the Board?

Ms. Fitzgerald – Right, at this point. Until we find that out, I don’t think we could move forward.

Mr. Hainer – Right.

Mr. White – Just to go a little bit in a different direction, George, is it your feeling that Bill is definitely resigning from the Board, no chance –

Mr. Hainer – No.

Mr. White – Well, in spite of where we are, I guess I accept your motion.

Mr. Maron – Just a quick summary. As far as what succession is, you’ll send the By-Laws out, that will tell us where we go from here.

Ms. Fitzgerald – It won’t tell us, but it will give us some direction –

Mr. White – Some direction.

Mr. Maron – It will tell, say whether Alan immediately becomes Chair or if we then we have a vote among everybody at that point, ok.
Without any objection, we’re adjourned.

Mr. Hainer – Seven fourteen.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary