

**Town Of Orrington
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2022**

Call meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm by Chairman J. Louis Morin. Board members also present were: Mr. Steve Taylor, Dr. Richard Judd, Secretary Marc Abplanalp and alternate board member Mr. Larry Geaghan. Mr. Geaghan will be a voting member this evening as Mr. Lance Lord, and Mr. John Mackie were not present and are excused. Also present were; The Orrington code enforcement officer Mr. Dean Bennett, and Select Board member Mr. Allen Elkin. Kristy Grover and Mr. Dan Grover were present to address the board. There were no members of the public present.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

None.

Approve minutes of the May 19, 2022, meeting:

The motion was made by Dr. Judd and seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the minutes as presented.

The vote to approve the motion was unanimous by all voting members.

Annual Election of Chairman and Secretary of the Planning Board:

As there is not a full board this evening, we will table the election until the next meeting.

Public Comments:

Chairman Morin was pleased to inform the Board that both of our Articles about Land Use Ordinances were approved by the town at the annual town meeting.

Old Business:

1. East Orrington Business Park (Final Review).

No action taken as there are corrections that still need to be made to the Site Plan. The Board will revisit this item next month.

New Business:

1. Orrington Self Storage (Initial Site Plan Discussion)

The Grovers are interested in building two additional self-storage units on their property on Ruby Lane. Tax Map 9 Lot 87G. This property is in a Residential / Farming (R/F) district. As of the town meeting last week, storage units are now allowed in R/F districts with Planning Board approval. Chairman Morin read two letters from property owners abutting the proposed location. Both letters expressed concerns with the likely exponential increase of vehicular traffic, excessive speed of customers going to and from the storage buildings, dust from the additional traffic and hazards to children playing in their yards. Additionally, both Abutters are currently unhappy with a common issue

of people knocking on their door and asking where the current storage buildings are located. Both abutting property owners request that this project not be allowed to go forward. Chairman Morin requests that the Grovers spend some time and try to get a current traffic count and return next month with this information. The board highly suggests that the Grovers try to communicate with the abutting property owners and work towards an acceptable remedy. The Grovers are looking into having a sign that will easily identify the location of the Storage building but acknowledge that the land where the sign will need to be does not belong to them.

Chairman Morin read through the Site Plan Application line by line and identified all required and not applicable items needed to move forward with a Preliminary Site Plan review. Most importantly is whether the Grovers have an easement rite-of-way or a deeded rite-of-way to their property.

Board Comments:

Dr. Judd requested that a discussion about Cluster Developments be added to the next meeting's agenda.

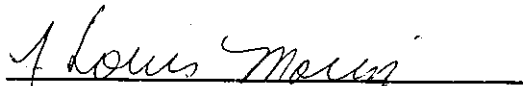
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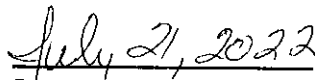
The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Geaghan and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The vote to approve the motion was unanimous by all voting members.

The meeting was closed at 6:00 PM by Chairman Morin.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marc A. Abplanalp Sr.
Secretary Orrington Planning Board


Chairman


Date