

Minutes for Tuesday, February 25, 2014 Planning Board Meeting

1. Call to Order: Chair David Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Introduction of Attendees: Present were: Chairman David Johnson, Secretary Laura Chadbourne and Members Julie Frum, Gail Bartlett, and Kevin Taylor. Also in attendance was CEO Eric Gulbrandsen. Absent: Alternate Member Ron Kiesman.

3. Minutes from January 21, 2014 Meeting: Minutes from January 21, 2014 were reviewed by the group. Gail Bartlett moved and Julie Frum seconded the acceptance of the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CEO's Report for January 2014: Eric Gulbrandsen presented the CEO report for January 2014. The following activity occurred:

1. BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:

Main Eco Homes, R8, 28-2, Gerry Circle, 3500+ sq. ft. single family with attached garage & decks; fee \$532.36

2. R. V. PERMITS ISSUED: NONE

3. CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED: NONE

4. VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED: NONE

5. TIMBER HARVEST NOTIFICATIONS: NONE

6. OTHER: Sweden Appeals Board, Ashe dock appeal reconsideration.

Gail Bartlett moved and Laura Chadbourne seconded the acceptance of the CEO's January 2014 report. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Communication & Bills

A. Correspondence Received (by date):

1. 12/29/2013*: rec'd in PB mailbox, Public Notice for Appeals Board Public Hearing on 12/30/13 at 5 PM regarding Ashe CUP.
2. 12/29/13*: rec'd in PB mailbox, hard copy of an email sent to the Town of Sweden from the Town of Lebanon, requesting we share a copy of our cell tower ordinance if we are willing to.
3. 1/21/14: rec'd in PB mailbox, Public Notice for Appeals Board meeting on 1/28 at 5:00 PM to address a request for reconsideration from Robert Santomenna of the Administrative Appeal granted to the Ashes on 12/30/13.
4. 1/28/14: rec'd via email from Alan Perry, letter dated 1/27/14 to the Appeals Board responding to correspondence from the Planning Board and Robert Santomenna regarding the Ashe CUP Administrative Appeal.

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5. 2/11/14: rec'd in PB mailbox, Notice of Decision from the Appeals Board to the Planning Board, stating that the Board of Appeals voted to deny a request of reconsideration of the Ashe Administrative Appeal.
6. 2/11/14: rec'd in PB mailbox, Notice of Decision from the Appeals Board to several parties related to the Ashe CUP, stating that the Board of Appeals voted to deny a request of reconsideration of the Ashe Administrative Appeal. The Notice also informs the parties that they may file an appeal in Superior Court.

* This correspondence was inadvertently left off the 1/21/2014 Planning Board agenda.

B. Correspondence Sent (by date):

1. 1/23/14: sent via email to Appeals Board Chair, Ashes, Attorneys Perry, Santomena, and Malia, cc: Eric Gulbrandsen, letter dated 1/23/14 containing revised Findings of Fact for the Ashe CUP. Copies of letter were also left in the Sweden Selectmen's mailbox.
2. 1/23/14: sent via email to Appeals Board Chair, Ashes, Attorneys Perry, Santomena, and Malia, cc: Eric Gulbrandsen, letter dated 1/23/14 requesting the Appeals Board reconsider their 12/30 decision to grant an Administrative Appeal for the Ashes. Copies of letter were also left in the Sweden Selectmen's mailbox.
3. 1/26/14: sent via email to Laura Bragg, Town of Lebanon, link to the Sweden Zoning Ordinance on www.eskerridge.com.

6. Old Business:

- A. Ashe CUP: Dave Johnson related that he'd attended the 1/28/14 Board of Appeals (BOA) meeting regarding whether the BOA would reconsider their decision on the Ashe dock CUP. Dave noted that did not participate in the meeting. The BOA declined to reconsider their decision, citing that they, as citizens and not legal experts, had already reviewed the facts and made their decisions as best they could.

After Dave completed his synopsis, there was a brief discussion around next steps. Dave noted that since the Appeals Board had made their decision, the CEO could take appropriate action as outlined in the Zoning Ordinance, page 46: "Upon notification by the Board of Appeals of the final disposition of an appeal, the Code Enforcement Officer shall take whatever action is appropriate and/or directed."

CEO Gulbrandsen then related several of his personal opinions about the Planning Board's decision regarding the Ashe CUP as well as other Planning Board processes.

7. New Business:

- A. Kevin Taylor was welcomed as a new Member of the Planning Board.

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8. Announcements:

- A. The next regular Meeting will be **Tuesday, April 15, 2014** at 7:00 PM at the Sweden Town Office.
- B. The board has an opening for one Alternate Member (Alternate Members serve a 1-year term). Should anyone express interest, they can be appointed by the Selectmen.

Gail Bartlett moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 PM. Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Chadbourne
Secretary