

NORTH BERWICK, MAINE 03906

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Present: Geoffrey Aleva, Jon Morse, Rick Reynolds, Lawrence Huntley, CEO

Absent: Chairman Barry Chase, Anne Whitten, Mark Cahoon

1. Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Geoffrey Aleva called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Review of Previous Minutes:

The only minutes to review are the August 14th minutes because there is not a quorum for the August 28th ones.

Jon Morse motioned to accept the minutes from the August 14, 2014 meeting. Rick Reynolds seconded the motion. VOTE: 3-0

3. Current Business:

Vice Chairman Aleva stated that the item on the Agenda for tonight is a Planning Board Workshop regarding zoning Ordinance updates. He asked Larry Huntley his thoughts on this subject.

Larry stated that there is an issue right now with having roosters. Larry stated that there are some conflicts between Livestock and Animal Breeding and Care. He stated that they could find the definitions for these on Page 3-2 (Animal Breeding and Care) and Page 3-11 (Livestock). Larry stated that under Animal breeding and care it reads, "The keeping and raising of animals including but not limited to fowl, for any non-commercial use. This term shall not include kennels.". Under Livestock, it reads, "Domesticated animals, reared in an agricultural setting for sustenance or labor. This term shall include poultry.". Vice Chairman Aleva stated that he thinks that the chicken are used for sustenance as it states in Livestock. He stated that Animal Breeding and care does not cover that. Larry said that you need a rooster to raise hens. Vice Chairman Aleva said that it depends on what they want to do with the hens. Larry said that he feels that one of these definitions should not include fowl. Vice Chairman Aleva stated that he thinks they should get rid of the sentence under Livestock that reads, "This term shall include poultry.". Jon Morse said that he didn't think that you could remove it from under Livestock if you are doing it for sustenance. Vice Chairman Aleva said that by stating, "Domesticated

animals, reared in an agricultural setting...”, it pushes it out of the Village zone and puts it in Farm and Forest. This is how you could push chickens out of the livestock section because of the agricultural statement.

Larry asked them to look at the Land Use Tables on Page 4-11A to review where they are allowed. Rick Reynolds stated that, according to the tables, if you wanted it in the Commercial zones, Industrial zone or any other zones, it would be Larry that would decide if they could do it. Vice Chairman Aleva stated that if you look under Agriculture: Livestock, it states “CEO” under Village A and Village B, but he feels that this should be a “NO” because that is not an agricultural setting. Rick Reynolds stated that for livestock, it usually means cows or sheep. Larry stated that it also states CEO under Residential District and he doesn’t feel that should be the case.

Vice Chairman Aleva stated that they could work on a Zoning Ordinance that would change the definition of livestock. Larry stated that he thinks they only need one definition which states whether it is allowed or not. They need to decide where they want to have livestock. Vice Chairman Aleva stated that Farm and Forest zone is really the only zone that it should be accepted. He stated that he would recommend changing the Village A, B and the Residential Districts to “NO” for Animal breeding and care and change the Farm and Forest to “CU”. Larry stated that he would like it to be “CU” instead of “CEO” because the Board has the authority to put restrictions on them.

Vice Chairman Aleva asked when these changes need to be done. Larry said that they should be seriously looking at what they want to change by November. Mr. Aleva stated that the next time they have a full Board, they should go through the Land Use tables and see what else could be changed. Rick Reynolds agreed and said that they should have everybody’s feedback. Larry stated that they could probably have Lee Jay Feldman help with this also.

4. Other Business:

There is no other business at this time.

5. Adjournment:

Rick Reynolds motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. Jon Morse seconded the motion.
VOTE: 3-0

Lawrence Huntley, CEO
Planning Coordinator

Respectively submitted,
Susan Niehoff, Stenographer

Chairman Barry Chase

Geoffrey Aleva

Rick Reynolds

Mark Cahoon

Jon Morse

Anne Whitten