

Pittsfield Town Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, July 2, 2024

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Paul Stein - Board Chairman - present
Larry Keenberg - Board Member - present
Cindy Taren - Board Secretary - present

Cooper Keyes - Board Member - present
Travis Barnard - Board Member - present

Others Present - Liam Keyes (Town Councilman), Deidre Stav (alternate Board Member), three community members

Resident Visits and resident issues - The community members present have 2 adjacent properties on Camp Rd. One of the properties is land locked and sits behind the other property which has road frontage. They wanted to alter the boundary line to cut through both properties and run perpendicular to the road, so that each (re-configured) property can have road frontage. Paul advised them to check with the county, and to see if they need to get a survey. The planning board will not move forward with a subdivision application at this time, as the situation appears to fall outside the scope of our subdivision regulations.

The board continued discussion of a resident's complaint from last month's meeting. We looked at the deed of the offending neighbor showing that the RVs on his property are in fact in violation. Paul had visited the neighbor to inform him thus and notified him that the issue has been referred to the Town Board. Regarding the dumping issue, Paul said there was an outhouse and outdoor shower area on the property; however, he hadn't asked about the RV hoses going into the ground. Actionable item: Liam has agreed to look into the possibility of enforcing health code compliance and locating the appropriate form and county protocol for such a violation.

Land Use - Paul discussed research he has been doing on State Agricultural Land/Districts. He discovered that most of the town is not a protected agricultural district. Additionally, the board discussed junkyard and watershed laws. We concurred that such protections could benefit the town and align with the goals that will be set forth in the Comprehensive plan. Actionable item: further research and data collection needed

Comprehensive Plan - The draft of the plan is now more than half way complete. Actionable items: The draft will be completed; Travis and Cindy to finalize the postcard design; both to be submitted to the planning board by next month.

June Minutes - Members unanimously approved the June minutes.

Subdivision Regulations - The board reviewed an "at-a-glance" timeline document that was prepared using subdivision regulation (town law). This document will be helpful to the board's compliance with regulation for the purpose of quick reference. However, the actual regulations remain the primary reference.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes of July 2, 2024 Planning Board Meeting were taken and typed by Cindy Taren (Planning Board Secretary).