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Carrabassett Valley Planning Board

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.

Meeting at the **TOWN OFFICE**

Agenda

1. Review the Minutes of the January 09, 2019 Planning Board Meeting.
2. Site Plan Review for new Town Fire Station located on-mountain.
3. Continued Signage Performance Criteria Review Discussion
4. Other?
5. Adjourn

TOWN OF CARRABASSETT VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING
January 29, 2019

Members Present: Brian Demshar Tim Flight
 Tom Bird Deirdre Frey
 Dave Corrow

Others Present: Chris Parks Annie Twitchell
 Rob Thorndike

Brian Demshar opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m. and welcomed those present.

The first order of business was to review the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Planning Board Meeting. Dave Corrow made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Deirdre Frey seconded the motion. Motion approved.

A Timber Harvest Application was presented for review for land located at Tax Map 1A, Lot 6. Rob Thorndike was in attendance to describe the proposed cut. They intend to take about 40% of what's standing, which is a normal cut. He provided a map of the area, which is the last section of the larger parcel that they haven't been into yet. It's approximately 120 acres in size, leaving a buffer along the power line and ATV trail. They will land at the end of the road, which is an old landing from years ago. They may do some graveling and expanding, if necessary, and maybe a culvert. The timber map provided is from the old management plan, which is due to be re-done next year. He provided detail on the stock and types of wood. There are prescriptions for each sections, and though this area was recommended for clear cut, they are not going to do that. There will be approximately 120 acres in this cut. They plan to cut this winter, likely starting in February, but it may be shortened due to the weather, but they have a year on the permit. They will access through the gate by the fire training station, and where the road turns to the Hut, they will go straight. There is some biking trail use in that area, but Rob said that they will be careful to leave buffers in that area. Chris Parks asked for some signage at the gate on CVSD land to indicate "logging access only". Tom Bird made a motion to approve the application as presented. Tim Flight seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion of the Signage Performance Criteria. Planning Board members had previously been provided with some ordinance information from some other towns. Dave Corrow noted that there's some specific language in another ordinance that limits the amount of time that a banner can be used. Chris Parks noted that the Planning Board can propose a revision of the text in the Town's ordinance, but if it's desired to have a change soon, the Planning Board could make other recommendations in the Scenic Corridor portion of the Comprehensive Plan update. The ordinance should discuss what the sign construction should be, such as "a rigid durable

sign”, or something like that. There might also be language that states that it needs to be kept in good condition. Tom Bird saw an ordinance that specifies the type of framing for the sign, and perhaps Carrabassett Valley’s ordinance could get more specific in that manner. Chris suggests something that language to require a rigid frame or rigid board. It was discussed that these items could be included with the discussions for the Comprehensive Plan update. Deirdre Frey indicated that it might make better sense to look at all of it and combine with the Comprehensive Plan. Items such as maintaining the sign would be desirable, the construction of the sign, and also giving the Code Enforcement Officer the authority to determine whether or not the sign meets the spirit of the ordinance were some items that may be considered for future update of the ordinances. Brian Demshar would like to see the ordinance be fair, and if there’s discussion about banners, it’s important to not miss anything. Chris Parks pointed out that there is existing language about temporary signs, and maybe that be expanded to include banners. Deirdre Frey suggested that the temporary signage should also look nicer, so perhaps there be some guidance on that matter. Chris Parks noted that this would not make the annual Town Meeting, but perhaps the June meeting for the school budget. In looking at the existing ordinances, Chris asked Planning Board members what they would like to see changed to be included in a proposed amendment. Items discussed for possible language: Under Temporary Signs, the proposed language would limit the size to 32 square feet, must be specifically described in the application, and must be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer, which may be subject to a variance with approval. Temporary signs would require a permit, and the Code Enforcement Officer would set the length of time it could be displayed. Temporary signs would need to be removed after 7 days, if they promote an event, and should not be installed any sooner than 30 days prior to the event, but garage sale and/or party would be no sooner than 14 days, which may be subject to an extension with approval. Brian Demshar suggested that this be just a start, and then wait for another time when more board members are present. He suggested that Chris could even start sending some text via e-mail for the members to review. Tim Flight said he would like to see the ordinance be fair for new businesses versus existing businesses. Chris Parks suggested that perhaps there be some wording built in to the Scenic Corridor language that will further support signage that’s harmonious with the surroundings. Chris will follow up with some redlined language for the board members to review.

The next meeting will be tentatively held on February 27th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Schnorr