

Town of Owls Head

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 13, 6 p.m.

Youtube – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kw7BD1Riut0>

Board Present – William Leppanen, Dale Martin, Bob Pratt, Maria Devery, Buddy Carleton, Susan Deutsch (A)

Board Absent – N/A

Staff Present – Matt Deane

Meeting opened at – 6:00 pm

Quorum called: yes

Approve Minutes – Minutes from the August 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved. There was discussion about who could vote to approve as only Maria Devery was present at that meeting Bob suggested that we accept as written with a note that only Maria was present at that meeting. Maria motioned to approve, Dale seconded motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of September 19, 2022 – Bill, Dale, and Maria were present. Bill motioned to accept, Dale seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Minute 7 of video for full discussion of the above.

1. The members of the Planning Board introduced themselves, including the new members, Bob Pratt and Susan Deutsch.

Minute 1 of video for full discussion.

2. Bob Pratt was nominated by Bill Leppanen and seconded by Maria Devery. Bob spoke about his background and experience with the Planning Board in past years. Bob

abstained from the vote. Bill, Dale, Buddy, and Maria voted yes for Bob as the chair. Bill mentioned Bob's method in running the PB in the past, very favorably.

Minute 3 of video

3. Bylaw update workshop suggested by Bob. Dates were discussed – Maria suggested March 1st at 4p.m for one hour. Maria suggested that folks prepare the changes they are interested in to make the most of the one hour. This was a good date and time and has been reserved with the Town Clerk for the meeting room on the main level of the Town Office. Bill motioned to accept this date/time, Buddy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Minute 12 of video for full discussion.

4. Shoreland Zoning Ordinance committee - Bob introduced this agenda item. Ken Wexler, the Chair of the SZ committee provided background on how this work came to be. Ken then turned over the update presentation to Dick Carver. Dick reviewed some of the highlights of the current and revised maps. Dick also pointed out that the current maps contained some confusing areas which have been corrected in a 'revised current map'. Larkin Post created the maps that were reviewed. Ken suggested that April 10 would be a good date for the public informational hearing. The Shoreland Zoning Committee will handle the notices that are required, as well as, a town wide mailing. Maps and copies of the ordinances will be available to the public for review, in the town office. Dale made a motion to have the public hearing on April 10th, at 6p.m. seconded by Buddy, Motion carried unanimously.

Minute 15 of video for full discussion.

New Business

5. Kermit VanCannon spoke about unusual erosion of the beach at Holliday Beach Rd. The last storm caused a large amount of erosion. Kermit is concerned that this erosion is going to compromise the integrity of the road. Kermit shared photos of the beach erosion that has occurred. There were questions raised about the ownership of the beach property right of way that is eroding. The Planning Board and Lynn Chaplin suggested that any surveys might be useful in determining ownership of this right of way land. The PB suggested that this be brought to the Selectboard for action as the Planning Board has no standing in this matter.

Minute 45 of video for full discussion.

6. Bob advised that Maria Devery will be the recording secretary. Bob also asked that we return our envelopes so they can be reused.

7. The next meeting is Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6p.m.

8. Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting and it seconded by Dale. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m.

