

MONT VERNON PLANNING BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

AGENDA

Times are approximate and subject to change without notice.

- 7:00 pm Public Hearing Proposed Amendments to Wetland Ordinance
- 8:15 pm Brett Vaughn Discussion on Purgatory Road Bond reduction
- 8:45pm Other Business
Mail & Announcements
Review Minutes from 12/10/19
- 9:00 pm Adjournment

Present: Bill McKinney, Charles Baker, Bill Johnson, Tim Berry, Steve Bennett, Chip Spalding, Rebecca Schwarz, Michelle Riesselman, Jim Bird
Absent: Dave Hall, Eric Will

7:00 PM – Public Hearing Proposed Amendments to Wetland Ordinance

McKinney had everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the public hearing for one hour until 8:00 PM. Present from the Conservation Commission were Joanne Draghetti and Mary Jean MacGillivray. **McKinney** explained that the original Wetlands Ordinance was created in 1980 and last update in 2006. It is necessary to update the Ordinance to address current issues involving environmental concerns. It has become evident that we need better surface water and ground water protection. The Conservation Committee made requests not clearly supported by the existing Ordinance which posed a legal risk for the town as far as the Planning Board was concerned. The Planning Board agreed with the Conservation Commission's concerns, but without clear direction in the Ordinance, felt powerless to act on their request. The Conservation Commission was advised to make recommendations to update the Ordinance. The Conservation Commission spent several months working with a hired consultant reviewing several area ordinances, meeting with topic experts and compiling recommendations into a draft document. That draft document was presented to the Planning Board on November 27, 2018. There were several amendments proposed by the Planning Board to better define protective bodies of water, buffers, permitted & non-permitted uses. The concern is to provide fair and equal administration enforcement while not over regulating land owners property rights. **McKinney** went through the 13 Articles of the Ordinance. There were multiple changes made.

8:30 PM McKinney suspended discussion.

8:30 PM - Brett Vaughn Discussion of Purgatory Road Bond Reduction

Brett Vaughn was not present. Ben Crosby, Road Agent, came in to discuss upper Purgatory Road. He feels that the south side of the road has not been completed. Also, on the north side of the road there was debate with D&S on the size of one of the culverts that was originally recommended compared to what kind of storm water flow we were getting at the time. D&S agreed to upsize that culvert. It is at one of the driveways by the access to the original farmhouse. There was discussion on what amount should be held as a contingency and for how long. We need as-built drawings and the granite bounds need to be completed. As part of the as-built's, **Johnson** would like to have documentation from Fieldstone confirming & validating that all the granite bounds are completed and that the upsized culvert has been put in. **Bennett** motioned to recommend to the Selectmen that we maintain the bond amount of \$95,281.30 until such time that we receive confirmation that all granite bounds are completed and we receive as-built drawings. At that time we will entertain reducing the bond. Motion seconded by **Johnson**. All in favor, the motion passed.

8:40 Other Business

The Board reviewed the minutes from 12/10/19. **Baker** motioned to accept as written seconded by **Bennett**. All in favor, the motion passed.

8:45 PM McKinney Reconvened the Hearing

McKinney stated that we have made enough changes to this draft ordinance which means that we will be required to hold a 2nd public hearing. **Baker** will type revisions. **Schwarz** motioned to hold a final hearing on January 28, 2020 seconded by **Johnson**. All in favor, motion passed. Joan will post notice of 2nd hearing. As there was nothing further before the Board, **Schwarz** motioned to adjourn seconded by **Baker**. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cleary
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