

MONT VERNON PLANNING BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2018

AGENDA

Times are approximate and subject to change without notice.

- 7:00pm Joanne Draghetti, Conservation Commission –
Proposed Wetlands Ordinance
- 7:45pm Update: Master Plan Workgroup
- 8:00pm Town Center District
- Review recent use amendments
 - Conditional use check list questions
- 8:30pm Brett Vaughn- Purgatory Road Bond Reduction
- 8:45pm Other Business
Mail & Announcements
Review Minutes from 10/23/18
- 9:00pm Adjournment

Seated: Bill McKinney, John Quinlan, Steve Bennett, Charles Baker, Dave Hall, Jim Bird

Absent: Bill Johnson, Chip Spalding, Eric Will, Rebecca Schwarz, Michele Riesselman

7:00 PM – Joanne Draghetti, Conservation Committee Proposed Wetlands Ordinance

McKinney called the meeting to order and had the Board stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Joanne Draghetti, CC Chair, came before the Board to discuss the Proposed Revised Wetlands Ordinance prepared by FB Environmental Associates. These consultants feel that the definition of the Wetland Conservation District in Mont Vernon’s ordinance is incomplete and could be improved. The focus of the CC is on the actual protection of the wetlands through the ordinance language. The CC also contacted the Executive Director of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions to compare with the ordinances of other towns. The Board then completed a detailed review of the revisions and recommendations. **McKinney** and **Bird** suggested that we have the ordinance refer back to the sources of environmental law cited. **Hall** asked what prompted this revision. There is a perceived notion that there is a deficiency in our wetland setbacks, but have there been specific examples. Draghetti said that the state is encouraging local municipalities to protect their wetlands because that’s our primary source of drinking water. The only way we have clean drinking water in Mont Vernon is through the filtration of wetlands. The only body of water that qualifies for state protection is Horton Pond. It falls under the Comprehensive Shore Land Protection Act. There was discussion on the recommended minimum 100 foot buffers for all wetlands. **Hall** brought up the matter of unintended consequences should the buffers be too restrictive. **Quinlan** feels we are getting ahead of ourselves as we do not have a hydrological water study of Mont Vernon. **McKinney** will check with the NRPC to see if they have such a study. The Board will take time to review and add suggestions/edits to the proposed ordinance. Joanne Draghetti will meet with the Board again on January 22, 2019.

9:00 PM

The update on the Master Plan Workgroup was tabled. The Town Center District review was tabled. The Purgatory Road Bond Reduction Review was scheduled for 12/11/18. The installation of the final guardrail section on Purgatory Road has been postponed a week.

9:15 PM

The Board reviewed the minutes from October 23, 2018. **Bennett** motioned to accept the minutes as written seconded by **Baker**. All were in favor, the motion passed.

9:20 PM

As there was no further business before the Board **Bennett** motioned seconded by **Baker** to adjourn. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cleary
MVPB Administrative Assistant