

TOWN OF WINCHENDON



Planning Board

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Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

March 19, 2024

Town Hall 2nd floor Auditorium
109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

Present: Arthur Amenta, Leston Goodrich Jr., Burton Gould, Amanda Phillips, Alternate: Thomas Liao
Nicole Roberts- Planning/Land Use Coordinator
Absent: Chair Guy Corbosiero

6:00PM- Leston Goodrich Jr. called the Planning Board meeting to order, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and audio/video recording disclosure.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: 2/6/24, 2/20/24

Amanda Phillips pointed out in the 2/6 minutes, the vote to adjourn had A. Phillips and B. Gould voting no individually, but was recorded as unanimously approved 4-0.

A. Phillips motioned to approve both sets of minutes, with the correction to 2/6, 2nd by A. Amenta
Amenta (Y) Goodrich (Y) Gould (Y) Phillips (Y) 4-0

ANR- Otter River Road: Alex with Szoc Surveyors was present on behalf of the applicant. They plan on cutting out an 8.674 acre lot and piece of back land that will be deeded to the Smiths, leaving 10 acres with 400+ ft of frontage to the north.

B. Gould motioned to approve as submitted, 2nd by A. Amenta.
Amenta (Y) Goodrich (Y) Gould (Y) Phillips (Y) 4-0

Recess: L. Goodrich motioned for a 5 minute recess.
Amenta (Y) Goodrich (Y) Gould (Y) Phillips (Y) 4-0

6:09PM: L. Goodrich called the meeting back to order

Public Hearings:

L. Goodrich motioned to take the agenda items out of order and start with the Winchendon flood plain zoning bylaw ordinance change.

Request for a review of proposed Town of Winchendon flood plain zoning bylaw ordinance changes to be presented as part of a Town of Winchendon Spring town meeting warrant article.

Nicole Roberts read the public hearing notice and L. Goodrich opened the hearing.

Nadia from DCR was present via zoom. She came out to Winchendon in January for a Community assistance call. Winchendon has been a part of the National Flood Insurance Program administered by FEMA since 1982 when the town voluntarily agreed to join the program. The program allows FEMA to determine certain regulations and how to manage the flood plains, in exchange for residents having access to Flood Insurance as well as various forms of emergency funding from FEMA. In order to meet the minimum requirements of the program, the bylaw needed to be edited to add suggested language under 4.1 Flood Plain Conservancy Districts "prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding. Eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions."

N. Roberts stated they have designated whomever is holding the Conservation Agent position at the time, presently Matt Marro, to be the official flood plain administrator, which was voted in by the Board of Selectmen.

B. Gould motioned to be approved as submitted, 2nd by A. Amenta
Amenta (Y) Goodrich (Y) Gould (Y) Phillips (Y) 4-0

Request for a review of proposed revisions to the Town of Winchendon Subdivision Rules and Regulation to be presented as part of a Town of Winchendon Spring town meeting warrant article.

N. Roberts read the public hearing notice and L. Goodrich opened the hearing.

Patrick Wood, Engineer, introduced himself and stated he was hired by the Town back in October 2023. He has gone through the existing subdivision rules and regulations and suggested some changes. They did not want to change any of the administration rules, but wanted to focus on how the DPW would be reviewing plans going forward. Now that they are going to be taking a more active role in reviewing these plans in house and doing their own construction QAQC, they thought of some ways that they could start implementing rules and regulations to help fast track and make requirements of construction standards and typical plan contents.

B. Gould motioned the subdivision rules and regulations be approved as submitted, 2nd by A. Phillips
Amenta (Y) Goodrich (Y) Gould (Y) Phillips (Y) 4-0

Adjourn: B. Gould motioned to adjourn, 2nd by A. Amenta
Amenta (Y) Goodrich (Y) Gould (Y) Phillips (Y) 4-0


The meeting adjourned at 6:24PM


Respectfully submitted:

Brianna Lindahl

Brianna Lindahl, Planning Board Recording Secretary


Guy Corbosiero, Chairman


Arthur Amenta


Leston Goodrich Jr.


Burton Gould


Amanda Phillips