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Bridgewater Planning Board
February 14, 2023 Minutes

Board members present: Chair- Patrick Roach, Vice Chair- Ken Weidman, Joe Wilkas, P. Wesley Morrill Jr., James Gickas, Ex-officio- Terry Murphy

Public present: None

Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Terry distributed the Town of Bridgewater, NH Floodplain Development Ordinance to the board members. He stated that it is an edit of changes added or deleted. The board members reviewed the ordinance and discussed the changes. Terry stated that the board needs to vote for it to go on warrant article for the town meeting. Patrick asked if the floodplain areas had changed to which Terry answered no. Joe asked what mean sea level meant in relation to the town as the town is so far inland. Terry described that it's an elevation measurement. He shared that there are brass markings embedded in stones around the town that label elevation above sea level and that surveyors use them for reference. James added that houses near floodplains often need an elevation certificate. Joe asked if there was a floodplain map and James answered yes; it can be found on the town's website under FEMA maps. The board then discussed previous flooding in the town over the last few decades.

Patrick made a motion to accept the Town of Bridgewater, NH Floodplain Development Ordinance as written, and Ken seconded. Joe, Wes, James, and Terry voted yea and the motion carried.

Patrick asked if there was old business to be addressed. Ken mentioned Ambrose Bros. would be at the next meeting to revisit their excavation and pit expansion application. Ken explained that he, Patrick, and Terry had reviewed the site plans and all issues seem to be resolved. Kevin Leonard will write to the town with any remaining issues he has found before the meeting on February 28th.

The board members reviewed minutes from the October meeting but could not vote to approve them as there was not a quorum of members who were present for that meeting.

Joe made a motion to adjourn, Ken seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.