

Westmoreland Planning Board Approved Minutes 3/20/23

Attending: Lauren Bressett, Tim Thompson, Bruce Smith, Larry Siegel, Liana Capra, Alison Fissette, Kristen Riley (Alt., clerk), John Snowdon. Potential alternate: John Stronk.
Lauren Bressett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Review of Minutes 2/20/23

John Snowdon moved to accept minutes as written. Tim Thompson seconded that motion. 7 voted in favor, Larry Siegel abstained.

Public Comment

Jason Bafundi attended the meeting to speak on the letter he had sent out to the planning board, conservation committee and selectboard in regards to his concerns related to water runoff and related issues from the new fire department building. Jason Bafundi is an abutter to the building. John Snowdon said that the letter has been received by himself and the selectboard, that town Counsel advice has been sought, and the topic is on the agenda for the April 6 selectboard meeting. At this time he is unable to comment further. John Snowdon added that Steve Horton intends to submit plans as courtesy. Marshall Patmos noted that the conservation committee had received some answers from Steve Horton. April Ferguson noted that an additional letter went to Steve in December that the conservation committee still has not received answers to. Lauren Bressett noted that without an application in front of the planning board, the board cannot address the concerns but that the selectboard meeting is the appropriate venue for them to be addressed.

Rules of Procedure

There will now be a waiver form included with the subdivision and site plan checklists. For items that are not applicable, Lauren Bressett is going to check in with the municipal association to see if there could be a section added at the end of the checklist regarding optional items. The rules of procedure had no additional changes so they will be sent to the selectboard as the amended procedures.

Master Plan

Alison suggested the planning board hold an informational meeting for potential volunteers. Bruce noted that it would be wise to keep all potential volunteers as some may drop out during the process and it takes a good number to share the workload. The town administrator can post links to questions on the town website for residents to answer, as permitted by the selectmen. Potential questions were discussed.

Alison Fissette moved to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Smith seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Recorded by Kristen Riley, clerk.