

Westmoreland Planning Board Unapproved Minutes  
9/19/22

Attending: Lauren Bressett, Alison Fissette, Bruce Smith, Tim Thompson, Liana Capra, Kristen Riley (alt, clerk), John Snowdon (Selectman)

Excused: Larry Siegel

Lauren Bressett called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### **Review of Minutes from 9/12/22**

Changes are:

Bruce Smith clarified that he opposes a consultant for the legal review of ordinances, he does not oppose a lawyer for the legal review.

Tim Thompson moved to accept minutes as corrected, Bruce seconds, all voted in favor.

### **Road Standards**

Lauren said that she just wants to ensure the board has considered that Westmoreland is a rural town and that the AASHTO document does suggest less than 22' for feeder roads that are not for thru traffic, so they may not need to be as wide. Alison said that this won't protect old roads from being subject to widening in the future. John Snowdon said that for the safety of drivers and pedestrians, there needs to be more space. Lauren also noted that current extreme weather conditions leave dirt roads vulnerable to damage.

Bruce Smith read off measurements of various gravel roads and paved roads around Westmoreland. The gravel roads are 16 feet, give or take. Newer paved roads are 22 feet.

Thus, newer roads are already wider.

The board discussed the following changes they would like to consider for the Site Plan Regulations:

- 14. Change "may be," to "shall be". Also change "The minimum traveled way width should be 22 ft. for up to 1500 vehicles per day and 24 ft. for roads carrying over 1500 vehicles." Lauren proposed that this be changed to 22 feet, across the board. Lauren will verify with Dave Poklemba which he feels is best.
- Take out 15.
- Add AASHTO as a reference under the "Roadways" checklist.
- Lauren Bressett will update the standards and send them to road agent Dave Poklemba to review.

The board will vote at the next meeting.

- 12. It has been decided that select board will approve a site's drainage layout plan

### **Other Business**

John Snowdon discussed the property located on 1017 Rt. 12. There are some discrepancies with the zoning notice of decision. Additionally, as the applicant has not yet provided the required documentation for the required conditions, there is no approved subdivision/site plan. Alison Fissette said that hearings that need to occur in the coming months are on the topics of fee schedules and changes to the town ordinances. She also mentioned that the cover of the zoning ordinances doesn't have contact information on the front. Table 503 is missing general

regulations. Alison thinks that general regulations should be moved to the top of the page on all zoning tables.

Lauren Bressette says we should look at state ordinance of wind power and consider adopting that. 674-62-66

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John Snowdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm, seconded by Bruce Smith, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Kristen Riley, Recorder

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