

LIMERICK PLANNING BOARD MINUTES- Approved 1/15/20

December 4, 2019

Dottie opened the meeting with Laura, Ed and Aaron were all present, Wendy was absent, Dottie led with the pledge of allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

MINUTES:

None available

WALK-INS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Dottie stated that Shawn Girard did not send the application for his used car permit after the last meeting and he is not present tonight but it's her understanding he is not applying for the used car permit.

There was discussion concerning setting a site walk and public hearing and after discussion Ed motioned and Laura seconded the motion to set a site walk on the application for 3:00 pm on January 15, 2020 and the public hearing the same night at 7:00 p.m.

Vote 4-0 In Favor

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie brought up a proposed Solar Farm Ordinance brought to the board by Mike Gilpatrick because he had someone approach him interested in setting up a solar farm.

Ed asked if the board was going to present an ordinance at town meeting in March.

Dottie stated that the interested party is getting their ducks in a row and that the Maine Legislature is working on laws to govern these solar farms and it is her understanding that they may be taking this up either December 1st or 15th. Dottie stated that it is her understanding that the interested parties will wait until March or April while working with the state.

Ed stated that maybe the town should develop a proposed ordinance and not wait until the state finalizes a law and the town should vote for a proposed ordinance at town meeting to have it in place prior to the state's finalizing its law..

Ed asked about the two ordinances the board received information on from Mike one for Thorndike and the other for Lovell, should the town contact So. Maine Planning for their help.

Dottie stated the one from Lovell is one that S.M.P. has been working on with the Town of Lovell.

Ed said should we go with the Lovell one.

Dottie stated that maybe we should look at both of them and add some of the things covered in the Thorndike ordinance to the Lovell one there is a lot more in the Thorndike ordinance.

Aaron stated that he does not like the removal clause in the Lovell one and there was a brief discussion comparing the two and Aaron preferred the clause in the Thorndike version.

There was a discussion about a removal insurance policy or a bond to cover the removal.

It was decided to take the two ordinances and look them over and have further discussion in two weeks.

Dottie asked if they should go in to a workshop and no one answered so they continued with the discussion on solar farms.

The discussion included the statement that the Thorndike Ordinance had a lot more requirements and as Aaron discussed the removal clause was more comprehensive than in the Lovell Ordinance.

The board decided to have a meeting on January 8th to make up not having the meeting on New Year's Day.

There was discussion on site reviews brought up by Ed, Dottie stated that Mike already does a site review, Ed stated that he did not feel that Mike or the Town had any authority under the ordinance to do a site review; Ed will discuss this with Mike.

Ed asked, what is this Single Family Structure Ordinance all about.

Dottie stated that Mike wants to develop an ordinance that will establish a minimum size for tiny homes, some people are living in 10 ft. by 12 ft. sheds she said she does not think that Mike wants to go below a 600 sq. foot minimum.

Aaron stated that he feels that 400 sq. feet would be more reasonable 20 feet x 20 feet, the most important thing is the water and septic system minimum requirements.

ADJOURNMENT:

Aaron motioned and Laura seconded the motion to adjourn.

Vote 4-0 In Favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dottie announced that the next meeting will be held on December 18, 2019

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanne L. Andrews - Secretary