

MINUTES *Approved*

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD MEETING: August 26, 2024

PB PRESENT: Mike Aron, Jim Niedert, Steve Murray, Ann Kosa, Rob Vogel, Frank Emig

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mary Hildreth, Judy Aron, Ben Martell, Ronald Burnett, John Tuthill, Todd Morse, Tom Dombrowski, Roger Clarke

ALTERNATES: Motion AK/SM to appoint Frank Emig as alternate for Vicky Wuest, passed.

MINUTES:

1. PB meeting July 22, 2024: Motion AK/RV to approve, passed.

HEARINGS: None

APPLICATIONS AND GUESTS:

1. Driveway permit application, David Bascom, Duncan Road: SM viewed and noted some washing on roadside. Motion SM/RV to approve contingent on receipt of Highway Department recommendation regarding need of a culvert, passed.
2. Merger Lots of Record, Gary Dutton, Crescent Lake Road: It was noted lots are adjacent on the same side of CL Road. Motion AK/FE to approve, passed.
3. Driveway permit application, Gary Dutton, Crescent Lake Road: RV viewed. It was noted the cut would be positioned near the common boundary of the lots merged above. Motion RV/JN to approve contingent on receipt of Highway Department recommendation regarding need of a culvert, passed.
4. Driveway permit application denial, Roger Clarke: TD provided the 1793 layout of Burrough Road and an additional record of the 1898 Acworth Warrant from State archives which includes the article to discontinue Burrough Road. TD has not found an historical record of the vote result. Acworth has provided records of the vote result from the Town's Road Actions file compiled by former Selectman Alston Barrett and the (then called) N. H. Highway Department. It was noted that appeals of driveway permit decisions made by the Planning Board are stated in the Driveway Regulations as through Superior Court. It was also noted that the Acworth property owner abutting RC's Charlestown property has refused any easement were proof of the existence of a right of way to cause consideration of a driveway permit. RC addressed the Board with a recitation of his problems with the Town of Charlestown, with abutters, and with Acworth records, and stated he would pursue the matter in court. In acknowledgment of potential legal action, the Board declined further comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Bascom subdivision plan: Surveyor Clayton Plat responded to PB's request for a solution to a misnumbered lot number on the plan and recommended that, due to the distance of the misnumbered lot from the subject property representing little future impact, no corrective action be taken. Motion RV/AK to accept CP's recommendation, passed.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Master Plan update: The Sections outline was reviewed with various members agreeing to work on individual sections for review in September. It was noted these are to be brief statements of the Town's general need going forward and also include any corrections to that particular Section in past MP editions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next meeting: **Monday, September 23, 6:30PM.**

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion AK/JN 7:50PM; Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.

TICKLER: CIP update begins in September, Revisit fee schedule