

**MINUTES *Approved***

**ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD MEETING:** October 24, 2022

**PRESENT:** Ann Kosa, Ray Leonard, Rob Vogel, Joe Fedora, Mike Aron, Jim Neidert, Gregg Thibodeau

**MINUTES:**

1. PB meeting September 26, 2022: Motion RV/AK to approve, passed.

**HEARINGS:** None

**APPLICATIONS AND GUESTS:**

1. Reporting for the Planning Board's Broadband Committee, Gregg Thibodeau noted the near completion of NHEC's broadband rollout in Acworth. A final report was submitted for the files. The State will require a last accounting in April 2023. The final report notes 225 residences signed up for the new broadband.
2. Driveway permit application, Prescott Trafton, Livermore Road: RV and MA reported viewing, noted the area is steep and there is ditching on either side of the already installed driveway. Motion RV/MA to approve the application, JF recommended highlighting the permit grade recommendations, passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Meghan Butts, UVLSRPC, email regarding yurts and tiny houses was set aside as a resource for a Joint Boards discussion on that topic in November.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Site Committee: See driveway application above.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

1. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): The complete draft was reviewed. RV noted no new equipment purchases and JF noted new maintenance data allows better planning. Town funded Road and Bridge Projects are shown as limited to completing Cold Pond Road. JF noted FEMA reimbursement uncertainty limits Town funds commitment at this time. Other capital needs are shown a returned to pre-2021 disaster levels. JF recommended Intro include note regarding CIP is subject to Select Board real time decisions.
2. Zoning Ordinance updating suggestions:
  - a. Sign language: Edit draft for November meeting.
  - b. Yurts, tiny houses and RVs: Refer to November Joint Boards Meeting. Questions: How much does the Town want to legislate? How to accommodate inconsistencies in State legislation? How do these effect the tax base?
  - c. Code officer: RV noted potential for liability. JF noted concerns for certification. Consensus to bring to Spring JBM.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Review budget: Motion MA/JF to accept, passed.
2. Fall Joint Boards Meeting to be held November 28, 6:30-7:30PM for discussion of yurts, tiny houses, RVs and the Zoning Ordinance.
3. Next meeting November 28 following the JBM.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion AK/MA, passed; 8:35PM, Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.