

MINUTES *Approved*

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD MEETING: December 27, 2021

MEETING OPEN: 7:00PM

PRESENT: Mark Girard, Joe Fedora, Ray Leonard, Mike Aron, Rob Vogel, Paul Auger, Jennifer Bland

MINUTES:

1. PB meeting November 22, 2021: Motion MA/MG to approve, passed.

HEARINGS, APPLICATIONS, GUESTS:

1. Paul Auger provided a new mylar and paper copies showing topo lines for his Ball Road subdivision as requested by the Board. Motion MA/RV to accept and sign the plans as presented, passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Site Committee: None.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Ordinance amendments: Review November hearing comments:
 - a. Regarding the number of unpermitted buildings which can be built: There was discussion as to whether different districts have different needs with consensus that any number over one would probably necessitate a larger building and therefore at permit. Motion MA/RL to limit the number to one unpermitted building on a lot for each zoning district, passed.
 - b. Regarding reliance on ZBA to deal with non-conforming use requests which may be directed to that board: There was consensus that ZBA's qualifying criteria are sufficient to address non-conforming use requests without any additional changes to the Zoning Ordinance.
 - c. The final hearing for the proposed changes will be January 24.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upper Valley culvert inventory proposal: There was consensus regarding the value of an inventory and of a Joint Boards discussion about such a project. It was noted an inventory would affect culvert maintenance as well as CIP road project planning and budgeting and future Emergency Management refining. There was also consensus to invite UV to a Joint Boards Meeting in late March for further discussion about the program. During discussion concern was again expressed for avoiding deferring capital improvements in lieu of emergency repairs.
2. Expiring terms: Jim Neidert and Matt Connors are up for renewal. Suggestions for alternate members would be valuable.
3. JB let members know she is working on a Zoom option for meetings in light of recent virus activity.
4. Next meeting January 24: Final ZO amendment hearing.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion MA/RL 8:25PM, Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.