

**MINUTES *Approved***

**ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD MEETING:** July 26, 2021

**MEETING OPEN:** 7:00PM

**PRESENT:** Mark Girard, Joe Fedora, Mike Aron, Rob Vogel, Ray Leonard, Jim Neidert, Matt Connors, Glenn Elsesser, Frank Emig, Dean and Wendy Gowen

**MINUTES:**

1. PB meeting June 28, 2021: Motion MA/RV to approve as edited, passed.

**HEARINGS, APPLICATIONS, GUESTS:**

1. Dean and Wendy Gowen described developing a B&B and event space at His and Hers Farm (formerly Newton Farm) and the restoring of Newton Farm land which was annexed away in 2018. It was noted they could apply for Nonresidential Site Plan Review for both the B&B and event space on one application. It was also noted the land restoration could be addressed through a Lot Line Adjustment application. Both applications require public hearing which could be conducted on the same date.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Ronald Campbell subdivision inquiry: There was consensus a survey of lot 254-18 would be needed as the lot resulted from division of a larger lot by Campbell Road and lot 254-18 is not described separately on the original deed for the larger lot.
2. Frank Emig spoke to the BOS recommendation to delete reference in the CIP to the Town having four major paved roads. RV recalled it resulted from a sense that the Town may not be able to afford to sustain all of its paved roads. JF inquired how Derry Hill came to be postponed and RV recalled the 2014 petition by residents which halted drainage work on Derry Hill at that time. MC moved without second to return to the question of whether to make the deletion from the CIP. RV opined deletion would not be consequential. Motion MA/RV to delete the notation regarding four major paved roads from the CIP, passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

1. CIP Roads table: FE noted our Highway Supervisor's recommendations for 2022 include Derry Hill drainage and topcoating the length of Cold Pond Road with Forest and River Roads to follow in 2023. GE provided a rough estimate to topcoat CPR of \$192,000 which at current CIP levels leaves approximately \$200,000 for Derry Hill Road. FE favored increasing the CIP roads budget significantly or considering bonding. Bonding pros and cons were discussed. GE recommended smaller, more gradual increases in the roads budget in place of bonding. There was consensus to support redirecting heavy trucking away from Derry Hill and to continue to press contractors to meet to walk Derry Hill and develop estimates for 2022. Sounding of the Beryl Mountain bridge was noted as another 2022 budget item which could tap the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.
2. Zoning Ordinance amendments review: Postpone to August and include permitted uses as reference.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Next meeting August 23.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion MA/JN 8:45PM, Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.