

MINUTES *Approved*

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD MEETING: September 26, 2022

PRESENT: Mark Girard, Ann Kosa, Ray Leonard, Rob Vogel, Joe Fedora, Glenn Elsesser, Frank Emig, Matt Connors, Ian Burnett, Read and Jennifer Gildner-Blinn

MINUTES:

1. PB meeting August 22, 2022: Motion AK/RV to approve, passed.

HEARINGS: None

APPLICATIONS AND GUESTS:

1. The Gildner-Blinns spoke about the possible race track being discussed in Lempster noting their purpose was to bring awareness to the matter. It was noted that Selectboard and Planning Board has been contacted and the Town has reached out to Regional Planning for advice on appropriate action.
2. Ian Burnett asked why RVs are overseen by the Town and yurts are not. It was noted that the Town's Zoning Ordinance has language about RVs and not about yurts. JF noted this needs to be addressed and that definitive language around yurts and tiny houses has not been available from the State as yet.
3. Driveway permit application by Peter Rhoades for Descom Hoagland: This is a temporary driveway and site lines are noted on PR's diagram. Motion RV/MG to approve, passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Regional Planning relayed that determination of the regional impact of a project such as the Lempster race track would need to come from the Lempster Planning Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Site Committee: See driveway application above.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP):
 - a. Table 1: It was noted no truck replacements are planned for 2023. RL submitted equipment hours and there is interest in creating multiple year tracking of this. RL is working on pricing needed shop tools. It was noted this is provided for in the Highway operating budget and the CIP criteria for capital expenditures was established in 2007 to be in excess of \$8,000, non-reoccurring and of a three year use.
 - b. Table 2: GE submitted a draft which captures and notes anticipated FEMA work and brings forward anticipated Town projects deferred last year due to the flood. It was noted that the Town may be eligible for a second flood loan up to \$1,000,000 in 2023 and that Mascoma Bank has recommended repaying the first loan and each subsequent loan with the FEMA reimbursements relative to each particular loan. RV noted that FEMA projections aside, the draft Table 2 shows a fairly consistent Town investment averaging around \$500,000 annually and avoiding significant changes which was an original purpose of the CIP. GE noted future tables could include a bridge maintenance line which could be based on the DOT State Bridge Inspection Reports.
 - c. Tables 1-1, 2-1, 3 and 3-1: Drafts were submitted. Information covered is largely reporting status of various Town capital reserve funds.
2. Zoning Ordinance updating suggestions:
 - a. Yurts and tiny houses: There was consensus to request input from Regional Planning.
 - b. Sign language updating: Keep on agenda for October with attention to Alstead model.
 - c. Code officer: Keep on agenda.
3. Master Plan updating:
 - d. Would code enforcement need to be noted in the MP: Keep on agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next meeting October 24, 2022.
2. Frank Emig volunteered to serve as alternate. Motion RV/RL to accept, passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion AK/MG, passed; 9:05PM, Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.