

Minutes of Alford Planning Board
ZOOM meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2021

In attendance: Larry Gadd, Alex Glover, Mort Josel, Shirley Mueller, Otis Loughheed
Also in attendance: Selectwoman Peggy Henden-Wilson, Town Counsel Joel Bard
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

Shirley made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 3rd meeting. The motion carried. The minutes were adopted.

Re: Town application for a Certificate of Appropriateness:
nothing is required of the APB.

Re: Marijuana Bylaw: does it need to be placed on the warrant of the annual Town Meeting?
The Town already voted in favor of the zoning bylaw at a Special Meeting.

Re: the ongoing revision and creation of the zoning bylaws:
Joel said he reviewed the current bylaw and then the revisions made by Shirley and Alex. He said he has many minor comments. He said he needs a current MSWord version of the document to clear up the confusion of the different revisions. He said he would put his comments into the clean copy when he receives it.

Re: short term rentals:
Joel said this is a controversial topic. He said it would be helpful to look over guidelines and bylaws that other towns have adopted.

Larry asked Joel to review the bylaws and submit his recommendations to the APB for approval. Joel said that to review, rewrite and create a new document and a use table is a big task that could become very costly. Joel said that the job will take many hours. Larry asked him to give the APB an estimate that can be submitted to the Selectboard. Larry said that Step 1 would be to tweak and clean up the version that Shirley and Alex created before introducing any new items. That would result in an improved version of the existing bylaws. Alex said she would get a clean copy to Joel to work with. Larry asked Joel when the APB could expect to hear back from him with a version that can be reviewed and then put into a more finished form? Joel said not before the regular May 12th meeting. Larry said that the APB would contact Joel for updates on the progress of the review. Joel said the current Telecommunications Bylaw is outdated and needs to be rewritten.

Alex made a motion to hold regular APB meetings at 6 pm going forward. The motion carried. Regular meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. Shirley made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Kahan