

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES: September 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Members present: James Harris, Barbara Albro, Nate Currie and Dawn Lewis. Member absent: Matthew Swayze. Also present, Town Attorney, Donald Armstrong.

NEW BUSINESS: Application of Donna Doody for a minor subdivision. Mrs. Doody was present to answer questions and explain the purpose for the two-lot subdivision. Mrs. Doody explained that the property was owned by the Estate of Viola Henry, her mother, and that her mother had always been in favor of dividing the (2) lots. Mrs. Doody's sister is in the process of buying the family homestead from the estate and Donna Doody would purchase the remaining lot from the estate. Mrs. Doody has submitted her application to Mr. Fritz and paid the requisite filing fee. Mrs. Doody has received a positive declaration from the Health Department.

The Board was advised that the next step would be to hold a public hearing. Mr. Armstrong will submit the application and maps to County Planning.

It appearing that the preliminary application is complete, motion made by Nate Currie, seconded by Barbara Albro to refer to County Planning. All in favor, the motion carried. Motion made by Nate Currie, seconded by Dawn Lewis that a public hearing be scheduled. Motion opposed by Barbara Albro, remaining members in favor, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Subdivision application of Nate Shirley (Song Lake View). Jim Harris advised he had been contacted by Mr. Shirley this evening and that he was running late. He requested an adjournment if he did not return in time to attend the meeting. Mr. Harris advised that Mr. Shirley's engineer was still working with the Health Department and that the Town's engineer had offered his written comments. The application has gone to Pat Reidy at County Soil and Water. Mr. Harris further stated he had met with Soil and Water to review and respond.

Rhea Jezer from the audience stated she wanted to make sure that Pat Reidy is aware of the extensive logging that has occurred in the area and that if the logging continues, the area will have run-off problems in the future. James Millis recounted problems he has had with run-off in the past and areas behind his home that resemble small ponds. Attorney Armstrong stressed to the Song Lake property owners in attendance that the application is still very preliminary. Tarki Heath asked if residents can submit written comments for the public hearing, when it is scheduled, and the entire application process was again reviewed. Several Song Lake residents expressed specific concerns they had concerning the well-being of the lake and rising phosphorous levels. Tarki Heath advised the Board that as a member of the water monitoring committee, they are trying to be good stewards of the lake and continue to monitor lake quality and are working with Pat Reidy of Soil and Water on those issues.

Jim Harris thanked the members of the audience for their comments.

OLD BUSINESS: Review of minutes of the last Board meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by Nate Currie, seconded by Barb Albro, all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion to accept the request by Nate Shirley/Song Lake View on his request for an adjournment to the October meeting, made by Barb Albro, seconded by Nate Currie, all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM made by Barb Albro, seconded by Dawn Lewis. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne McCloskey
Secretary, Planning Board