

Mechanic Falls Planning Meeting

Via Zoom Meeting

May 18, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Goss-Vice Chair
Paula Stotts
Forrest Martin
Lou Annance-absent

Jeremy Klar-absent
Lou Goulet-Chair-absent
Paula Bolduc

STAFF PRESENT:

Alan Plummer-CEO
Zakk Maher-Town Manager
Julie Ward- Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shelly Norton-Avcog
Gil Paquette

Daniel Serber
Ray Lavoie

Sean Murphy

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm and we saluted the flag.

IV. General Reports

4.1 Meeting Minutes

Paula Stotts motioned to approved minutes for April 20th and 21st seconded by Forrest Martin, all in favor so voted.

Paula Scotts motioned for Paula Bolduc to be interim chair, seconded by Forrest Martin, all in favor so voted.

Code Enforcement Office Alan Plummer stated that Jeremy Klar has missed several meetings and recommended the board removing him. Forrest Martin motioned to remove Jeremy Klar from the Planning Board, seconded by Paula Stotts, all in favor so voted.

Walter Goss recused himself due to conflict of interest.

V. Public Hearing

5.1 Next Grid Site Rt 11

Public Hearing started at 6:42pm and closed at 6:46pm with no comments from the Public

VI. Old Business

5.1 Next Grid Plan

Shelly Norton of Avcog prepared a draft copy for Board to approve application. There was a summary statement with Conditions of approval listed.

Gil Paquette explained that landscaping plan was updated as requested. He did not submit lease because they were still in negotiations with Walter Goss.

At the previous meeting the road was in questions and it will be the one that was originally shown in the first plan. A survey still needs to be done and they would like it to come off of Dostie Drive instead of Elm Street. Walter Goss did not want to interrupt the agriculture. Dostie Drive is town owned and maintained.

Shelly Norton from Avcog recommended to the board there should be an agreement that the road does not get damaged with the equipment going in and out. Daniel Serber explained they would have no problem adding that as a condition. Shelly went over the review of the Application with the Board with her recommendations.

Gil Paquette stated the conditions they are asking to be deferred not waived and all conditions will be met. Paula Stotts was concerned about the follow through. The suggestion would be that major items should come back to the board for any changes and some minor changes could go through The CEO if they board was ok with it. The State of Maine has incentives for renewable energy and needs to have the application submitted by June 11, 2020 from Next Grid. The PUC will then determine if they will accept their application.

Shelly Norton of Avcog did provide the Board with the findings and fact and conclusions of law for the board to review line by line. All members of the board with ok with the changes made by Avcog.

Paula Stotts motioned June 8th @ 6:30pm for Public Hearing, seconded by Forrest Martin, all in favor so voted.

VII. New Business

None

7.0 Ordinance

None

8.0 Executive Session

None

9.0 Adjourn

Paula Stotts motioned to adjourn, seconded by Forrest Martin, all in favor, so voted Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM