Town of Jefferson Office of the Planning Board

Minutes

February 25, 2025

Members present: Chairman Mike Meehan, Mike Smith, Mark Gross, Jason Call, Kevin Meehan, Select Board's representative

Absent: Rebecca Hatfield, Bob Roy, Andrea Gendron, alternate; Michelle Gross, Board secretary

Others present: Charlene Wheeler, Acting Board secretary, David Passios

Minutes

Jason Call made the motion to approve the February 11, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Mike Smith. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous.

Other Business

There were no other major items on the Board's agenda for this meeting. However, Board members had short discussions about a variety of topics. It was confirmed there is a hearing scheduled on March 25 for an application from Richard Garabedian to subdivide a lot into two separate lots on Chambers Road, Map 17, Lot 3. Public notices have been posted about the hearing. There was a discussion on where Chambers Road, a town-maintained road, actually comes to an end.

Chairman Meehan updated the Board on Kathy and Robert Keene's lot which had been merged. They now wanted to reverse the merger into two new lots. They would need to apply for a subdivision. This requirement is stated in a NH RSA as well as printed on the town's merger application itself.

Mark Gross asked if any members had heard of legislation proposed by the state on regulating short-term rentals. Is there a bill to ban such rentals in the light of the current housing market and unavailability of affordable housing in New Hampshire? No one had any information.

Charlene Wheeler said the state legislature has been considering changes to rules about accessory dwelling units, but she didn't have any specific details. Jason Call confirmed this as well.

There was a short discussion about Fidium, a subsidiary of Consolidated Communications, soliciting customers for a new fiber internet service. What are the costs and what do they provide as compared to Spectrum.

Jason Call mentioned a link to a webinar he thought would be useful to Board members and said he would email them the link

Because of a conflict with Town Meeting Date, the Planning Board's meeting on March 11 has been cancelled.

The Board's next meeting will be on March 25, 2025.

Mike Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Gross. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Charlene Wheeler

Acting Secretary to the Board in the absence of Michelle Gross