

Starks Planning Board Meeting Minutes May 1, 2024

Present: Gwen Hilton, Tiffany Bellefleur, Joe Hartigan, Ken Lust, Claire Nelson, Byrne Wright

Guests: Maggie Wright, Joe Hayden & Ernie Hilton

Adequate public notice was given of the meeting, a quorum was present, and no conflicts of interest or bias were reported.

The minutes of the April 13, 2024, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

New Business:

Status of MUBEC approval

Whether the Selectboard moves to adopt and apply the MUBEC regulations has yet to be determined. The MMA advises that if the town elects to approve the standards outlined in MUBEC, it should do so through an ordinance. While mobile homes, post & beam structures, manufactured homes and timber framing dwellings are exempt from the law, the law does not conclusively address its applicability to log homes. More clarification may be necessary before a decision is made.

Letters of Credit

Gwen appointed Ken to be the designated member to monitor the status of Letters of Credit.

Permitting Fees

Ongoing discussion regarding proposed fee schedules centered around the establishment of fees to recoup a portion of the town's expenses of the permitting process for various builds versus the negligible contribution to the town's revenue that fees comprise. Gwen provided the Board with a spreadsheet comparing proposed fees with nearby towns. She will contact the CEO for an estimate of costs for the issuance of various permits in order to put the proposed fees in perspective. More discussion to follow.

Plumbing Inspector

The Selectboard announced the appointment of Edward Avery, a resident of Madison, as the Town's new Plumbing Inspector. He was introduced to, and welcomed by, the Planning Board.

Adjourn: 7:35

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Nelson, Secretary