

Town of Chatham Planning Board Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
May Minutes Unofficial Until Approved
May 20, 2021

Present: R. Briggs, J. Eastman, L. Bacon and J. Hoyt

Absent: B. Farnham

Meeting called to order: 6:02pm

April 2021 Meeting Minutes

1. Read and reviewed
2. J Eastman motions to accept as written
3. L. Bacon seconds
4. All minutes approved

New Communications

1. R. Briggs attended a NHMA webinar on prescriptive roads. It was noted that if the general public uses a private road or Class VI road for 20 years prior to 1968, the town has to make the road a town road.

Public Hearing called to order: 6:15pm

1. Amendment to Appendix D of the Subdivision Regulations. R Briggs said the Chatham fees are less than most towns. Mailing fees are correct on the subdivision regulations. It was suggested to increase the filing fee to \$75 plus \$25 per lot, which includes the fee for plans to be mailed back to us from the registry. The public notice fee will remain at \$35. LChip fee is \$25 made out to Carroll County Registry of Deeds. Recording fees shall be charged to the applicant at the current rate as per the Carroll County Registry of Deeds Fee Schedule.
2. Revised Master Plan will be put on the town website. The Selectmen have approved the revised Master Plan. Discussion was tabled until the 2nd public hearing on June 17th.

Other Business

1. Tom Gross, President of Saco Headwaters Alliance (SHA), gave a presentation on what SHA does and how the town can benefit. The idea is to have a variety of organizations get together to protect the waterways in our area. The alliance identifies local/municipal clean water priorities and matches them with priority funding opportunities from private foundations, and state and federal clean water programs. They also assist in grant-writing to obtain the funds. They are inviting municipalities to get a self-assessment for potential planning, help with ordinances and resource

data. It was noted that Chatham has limited resource protection and zoning. Residents rely on groundwater for private water supplies. R Briggs noted that Chatham is unique in that 85% of town is Nation Forest, there is no town water or sewer and we don't have 3 phase power. R Briggs said we would be interested in what data they have to share and what our potential threats are in Chatham.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hoyt, Co-Chair