

MINUTES

Public Preparation Hearing

6:30 PM - Monday, May 17, 2010

At the Cornish Town Hall 17 Maple Street

On the following issue:

SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE

Planning Board Members in Attendance: Dan Sherman, Ken Hall and Lynn Harding

Absent: William Hoxie and Greg Wilfert.

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Sherman opened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

On Going Business:

Second Public Preparation Hearing

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Chair Sherman introduces Mr. Morse and begins the meeting by giving a short history of what has been done to date then reads the contents of the abutter letters.

Guest Speaker: Mike Morse, Asst. Shoreland Zoning Coordinator
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
312 Canco Rd, Portland, ME 04103

After a brief opening statement explaining the State's role within the Shoreland Zoning being adopted by each municipality in Maine Mr. Morse answered several questions from the attending public:

- Mr. Day finds the existing ordinance conflicting with this proposal and wonders if Cornish will adopt a more or less restricting rule regarding forestry. Mr. Morse gave specifics regarding Timber Harvesting. Mr. Day continued by asking about tree maintenance – Mr. Morse replied there was no effect if outside the zone. Mr. Day also asked will the voters know which rules have been “chosen”. Answer: /by attending public adoption hearing and by reading the Town Ordinance once Shoreland Zoning is adopted.

- Donna Fredett asked about agricultural uses within this zone. She also asked for the definition of a “stream”. There was a question regarding the terminology of “Bog vs. Pond” with relation to Haley Pond (formally known as Haley Bog).
- Mr. Morse explains setbacks with regard to Resource Protection setbacks of 250' / 100' / 75' for rivers / 75' for streams. He explains that any exceptions to these setback rules would have to go before the Planning Board for a variance. Discussion regarding different types of agricultural uses was held finding that different rules do apply depending on the exact agricultural use and its location in relation to the setbacks. Mr. Morse suggested contacting the State Fish & Wildlife for a comprehensive definition on “Bog vs. Pond”. Mr. Morse suggested any development around Haley Pond should be taken on a case by case basis.

In closing Mr. Morse went over areas of the ordinance that require editing and remarked he will look over our draft and get back to us. Need to change date in Green Shoreland book to December 31, 2008.

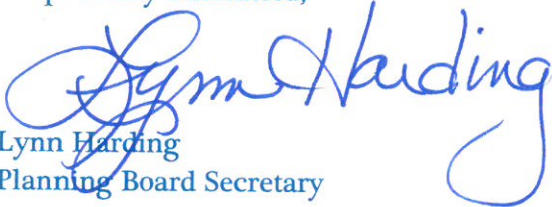
JUNE Planning Board Meeting Schedule:

BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, June 7, 2010

WORKSHOP MEETING: Monday, June 21, 2010

Adjourn: 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Harding
Planning Board Secretary