

Approved
TOWN OF CUSHING
PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
October 16, 2018

Board Present: Chair Bill Aboud, Andrew Blanchard, Austin Donaghy, Bob Ellis and Frank Muddle

Board Absent: None

Staff Present: None

Chair Aboud opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A roll call was taken and a full Board declared. Non-Board attendees introduced themselves as Rob Soule and Don Richardson.

Communications and Correspondence: None

Approve Minutes of 9/5/18 Meeting:

ACTION: Mr. Blanchard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaghy, to approve the minutes of the 9/5/18 meeting as amended
Carried 3-0-2

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Welcome new Board member, Austin Donaghy: Chair Aboud thanked Mr. Donaghy for joining the Board.

2. Don Richards – Fairfield's Subdivision Lot 3 – Application to Amend Approved Subdivision to Relocate Fire Protection Cisterns and Hydrant: Mr. Aboud said the applicant had been asked to change the easement agreement in order to clarify that the grantor was responsible for all repairs and maintenance on the hydrant and tanks and that the Town was not assuming any of that.

Mr. Ellis was still not clear on Section 2.1 (fire hydrant easement) and asked what improvements were referred to there. Mr. Richardson replied that improvements within the easement would only be to the cisterns and hydrant. Mr. Ellis confirmed this meant terminating the system, which he said could not be done because it had to be functioning. Mr. Richardson said if a new hydrant on a municipal system was located nearby, the subdivision system would no longer be needed. Mr. Ellis said the town would not terminate anything unless there was a backup, with which Mr. Richardson agreed. Mr. Ellis was uncomfortable with the language of this section and the Board asked that the wording be changed to say "if it were formally abandoned and the system terminated."

Under Section 4.3, Mr. Ellis said there was reference to any disturbances, which he assumed meant anything that needed to be repaired. He quoted, "such area will be restored to the condition in which it existed at the commencement of such activities." Mr. Ellis felt it should be clear that it would be restored by the grantor. Mr. Richardson said, in the case of damage from a fire engine coming in the middle of a winter night in good faith, asking them to repair the damage seemed too much. Mr. Ellis quoted CEO Bickford as having said the town should not have to assume any responsibility for repairs. Mr. Ellis agreed and wanted to get the Fire Chief's opinion.

Mr. Richardson asked if the Board felt the subdivision would have to make repairs if their system were damaged in a case where it was used for homes outside the subdivision. Someone said he felt the repair costs should be borne by the entity that did the damage. After further discussion, the Board felt the wording could stand.

ACTION: Mr. Ellis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, that we approve the details of the amended fire system.
Carried 5-0-0

Adjournment:

ACTION: Mr. Ellis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaghy, to close the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.
Carried 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sealey
Recording Secretary
(Transcribed from the digital recording)