**TOWN OF LYMAN**

**PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 1, 2021**

**Note: These are summary minutes. A recording of the meeting is on file at the Lyman Town Hall. Minutes are not verbatim and may be paraphrased for clarity. Minutes are drafts until approved by the Planning Board.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** ViceChairman Donald Hernon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting attendance of Joseph Wagner, Cecile Dupuis, Paul Boucher and Kelly J. Demers. The meeting was recorded for YouTube by Laurie Gonska. Minutes taken by Irene Single, Interim clerk. One other in attendance: David Dulong

The Board began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Wagner moved to allow Kelly Demers to be a full voting member for this meeting, seconded by Mr. Boucher, all in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**7:00 PM START:** Mr. David Dulong, applicant for alternate member of the Planning Board, approached the Board. Mr. Hernon asked if he or the Board would prefer to go into Executive Session however Mr. Dulong said No. Mr. Hernon, in reviewing his resume, said that Mr. Dulong’s qualifications are very good. He said he had a concern about an event that happened on May 27 where his name was brought up on a harassment charge by the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Dulong said that when he came up for reappointment to this Board in 2014 or 2015, something was said by someone, which was brought up by the Select Board. It didn’t go into executive session so the Board could listen to the recording. Mr. Dulong said that someone said something about him playing favorites on the Planning Board and when he asked the CEO for a name, she would not divulge it. He was not allowed to address his accuser and he said the story grows more egregious over time.

Mr. Hernon said he thought there were other instances with the CEO and Mr. Dulong said there were none. Mr. Wagner said he doesn’t recall the Planning Board making recommendations to the Selectmen on appointment, however the Selectmen make the final decision. Planning Board members said they have interviewed others and given their recommendations. Mr. Dulong gave his resume verbally, explaining his qualifications, and feels he is very qualified to be on the Board. He was a Chief of Engineering and Planning (of New England District of the Army Corps of Engineers) with hundreds of employees under him. Mr. Hernon said he still has concerns with his interactions with the CEO and did watch the May 27 meeting. Mr. Dulong said he is not aware of any other allegations except for one other employee. He is ready to address something specific.

Mr. Demers said that he remembers sitting on the Board near him, years ago, where Mr. Dulong made condescending comments toward the CEO at the time. He said this current Board has a good dynamic and feels Mr. Dulong’s overbearing and superior attitude would not be a good addition. Mr. Dulong said he has a Type A personality and asked if he ever shoved his ideas down anyone’s throats. Mr. Wagner said he was antagonistic time and time again and made the Board feel they weren’t smart enough to be on the Board.

Mrs. Dupuis asked if the Board was looking at personality or if they are basing their decision on qualifications. In the past, she said she saw issues come up which were based on the zoning ordinance and feels the Board needs someone with expertise, so the Board doesn’t flounder on issues.

Mr. Hernon said the Board doesn’t normally get into personality issues, but he believes there were personality issues including with the CEO and feels it’s relevant to consider past experiences. He said that although the Board does not always agree, it is important to consider all “we know about him in order to make decisions.” Mrs. Dupuis said that at the May 27 meeting, there was a lot of “mud-slinging” at that candidates’ night. Mr. Boucher said an issue had come up about the previous assessor and Mr. Dulong said that assessor was “probably the worst one we have ever had.” He said the assessor refused to come with Plan B for the town’s evaluation and this issue should be dead and buried. Mr. Demers said Mr. Dulong proved his point by his aggressive nature as he interrupted Paul (Mr. Boucher).

Mr. Hernon asked if the Board wished to take a vote. Mrs. Dupuis moved to accept the application of Dave Dulong as an alternate member, seconded by Mr. Demers. No further discussion followed. Members voted four to one against having Mr. Dulong join the Board. **Done at 7:24 pm.**

Mr. Hernon asked the clerk to send a memo to the Select Board that the Board considered Mr. Dulong’s application, and the recommendation is that he not join the Planning Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Hernon provided a second draft of new administrative procedures. He said the following Articles were voted on in June. Article 5 failed and Articles 6 and 7 passed. These need to be added to the zoning ordinance including the commercial design standards. Under section 4.b.4 Mr. Demers proposed using a digital media source rather than newspaper however Mrs. Dupuis said there are still some people who don’t have a computer or email. Mr. Hernon said the ordinance needs to be consistent with number of days required to send out notices and perhaps consolidating them in one place in the ordinance would make it easier to find. Mrs. Dupuis said section 4.c.ii requires publishing notices twice therefore the Board needs more time to fulfill this requirement.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Wagner moved to accept the August 18, 2021, public hearing minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Demers, all in favor. Mrs. Dupuis moved to accept the August 18, 2021, meeting minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Boucher and Mr. Wagner, all in favor.

**MAIL:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

At a previous meeting the Board had requested a copy of the ZBA manual. The clerk had received an answer from the CEO that it is available through MMA, which has models to follow. Mr. Hernon wants the ZBA to be asked if they wish to modify their portion of the zoning ordinance.

**SET NEXT AGENDA**

**September 15, 2021**

7:00 pm Workshop on Administrative procedures

Minutes and new and old business

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Boucher made the motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m., Mr. Wagner seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

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