



## Halifax Planning Board Meeting Minutes January 2, 2020

## Official

A meeting of the Halifax Planning Board was held on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Halifax Town Hall, Meeting Room #1, 499 Plymouth Street, Halifax, Mass.

Members Present: Gordon R. Andrews, Mark Millias and Amy Troup

Members Absent: Karlis Skulte

The meeting was called into session at 6:30 p.m.

Andrews reads the agenda.

**M/Millias, S/Troup** to accept agenda with all in favor.

Members review mail, notices and paperwork pertaining to this evening's meeting. In addition to their digital copies (sent via email from Secretary), copies are requested by Andrews and Troup of the Decision Letter to the Party Trust regarding Amanda's Estates dated 12/11/2019 and are given to all three members present by Secretary.

### Bills:

The Board would like clarification from Amory Engineers on the estimate of services for Hilda Lane as the Board feels the service they provided was done incorrectly regarding town water. Andrews will contact Amory for clarification.

### Secretarial:

**M/Millias, S/Troup** to approve the Planning Board Meeting Schedule for 2020 with all in favor.

### Discussion

Troup asks Secretary if the Board received a response from the Building Inspector requested by the Board regarding Danielle Grenata's business. It is confirmed that there has been no response received. Secretary will follow up.

### Meeting Minutes:

**M/Millias, S/Troup** to approve the Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2019 with all in favor.

**M/Troup, S/Millias** to approve the Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2019 with all in favor.

**M/Troup, S/Millias** to approve the Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2019 with all in favor.

Troup would like to make edits to the Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2019 (evening) and will send to the Secretary tomorrow via email.

### Discussion

Andrews reads an anonymous letter from a "Concerned Citizen of the Town of Halifax" sent to the Planning Board regarding Alan Dias (Board of Health) becoming a member of the Planning Board. Millias does not feel the Board should recognize anonymous letters as he feels there is no credit to these letters without a name. Andrews responds that he is just reading it in. Millias doesn't believe they should be read in. Troup states that she believes the Selectmen read an anonymous letter in. Troup asks how the letter was received. Town Admin Charlie Seelig responds that it was received in

the mail and he made copies. Millias doesn't know for sure it was from someone in the town. Troup responds that she knows there are many people who want to stand up for things but are worried for when they come in for permits; people are afraid to speak up due to possible backlash. Millias feels the letter is invaluable. Troup responds that some content of the letter is very true. Andrews adds that people of the town do not have a voice to choose who will fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board until town election in May, so these letters are their voice.

#### Discussion

The Board discusses a possible proposal of Cluster Zoning to be added to Bylaw. Board reviews possible changes to the Zoning Bylaws. Troup asks who wants these changes and states to the camera for residents watching that there is a meeting on January 7, 2020 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at 7:00pm for discussion of these possible changes.

Troup asks Andrews if there is any update with Mark Comeau regarding Pasture Lane. Andrews is still waiting to hear back. Secretary will update Tina Kenyon and Larry Mayo of any updates.

#### Adjourn:

M/Millias, S/Troup to adjourn with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Andrews, Chairman

Date Approved: March 5 2020

  
  
  
