

Westmoreland Planning Board

August 12th, 2014

Unapproved minutes

❖ **Call to Order, Seating Members**

Present: Lauren Bressett, June Hammond, Jim Starkey, Steve Houle, Bruce Smith, Mark Hayward, Dave Hansel.

Excused:

Lauren Bressett called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Dawn Lincoln arrived at 6:35 pm

❖ **Review of Minutes:** June 10th 2014

June Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Steve Houle second, all voted in favor, motion passed.

❖ **New Business**

Lauren Bressett brought to the attention of the board a letter and state application from the New Hampshire Dept of Historic Resources regarding a proposed tower on U1 lot 8. Jim Starkey questioned why the NHDHR is involved, Lauren Bressett stated it was apparently part of the approval process and didn't recall the same process in previous tower projects. Jim Starkey recused himself from the discussion. Mark Hayward seated for Jim Starkey.

Board members reviewed the materials which indicated intent to construct a 100 foot monopole on lot U1 lot 8. A letter had been sent prior stating if the town had any comments on the project, to do so. Mark Hayward stated that he had received a solicitation from this company; they were looking for a place for this tower. He feels that Bill Fletchers house would be affected by this tower for historical reasons.

As there were members of the public interested in speaking on the subject, Lauren Bressett invited comment from the floor. Bill Fletcher who lives on Thompson Road feels his home and a few others will be impacted by this project. He feels this project is much further along than the town of Westmoreland knows about. He had requested more information from the company; he received a packet of information on the proposed project. He stated he also will have several questions when and if there is a hearing on the project. Bill Fletcher also mentioned he noticed the tower on Aldrich Road, he feels has added other components to the tower, without asking the town. Lauren Bressett said she would check into it.

Jill Gourley whose property abuts the project, feels she will be most impacted by the tower as it will be right in her back yard and she will be staring at this pole in the woods. Lauren Bressett suggested they come with their concerns when and if there is a zoning and/or planning board hearing on the project.

Board members felt there just is not enough information given at this time to comment on, other than the fact that there could possibly be a few properties that may be affected for historical reasons and it isn't clear how much impact there would be; Lauren Bressett will send a letter back to NH DHR stating so.

❖ **Old Business**

1. Alison Fissette stated she had heard from Chris Walker in regards to amending the site plan for U1 lot 5A, he is waiting for some mapping to be completed.

2. Board members and Dave Wirth worked on reviewing and updating of ordinances, much discussion on the definition of home business and home occupation, maybe have all business/occupations ask for a special exception and if external activity involved would require site plan. Dawn Lincoln will work on draft of this proposal for the next meeting.
3. Lauren Bressett stated she had checked into what the Federal & State regulations are for gas stations, but still needs to do more research on the subject.

❖ **Letters**

Moved to new business

Dawn Lincoln made a motion to adjourn, Bruce Smith second, all voted to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted
Alison Fissette
Planning Board Clerk