



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Held in the Meeting Room

Planning Board Minutes

June 1, 2023

Approved

MEMBERS		ALTERNATES		OTHERS	
Tom Dube Chairman	✓	Johnny Blackwood		Victor Vinagro, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Shoreland Officer	
Doug Stewart Vice Chairman	✓	Stephen Leroux	✓	Peter Gosselin, Building Inspector	
Ken Fifield Selectmen's Representative	✓	Priscilla Colbath			
David Silcocks, Member				Steven Whitley, Town Counsel	
Dick DesRoches, Member	✓			Public Hearing	

Others present

Rose Cleveland, Robert Baxter and Michelle Keating from Clearview Community TV.

Pledge of Allegiance & Call to Order

Mr. Dube called the meeting to order at 7:06 and those present joined him in the flag salute.

Seat Alternates as Necessary

Mr. Leroux was seated for Mr. Silcocks.

Public Comment

None

Public Hearings

None

Board Business

Mr. Stewart and Mr. DesRoches expressed a desire to go into non public session for a Board discussion.

Mr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeRoches, to enter non public session under RSA 91-A 3:11 (c) at 7:07. Roll call: Stewart aye, DesRoches aye, Leroux aye, Fifield aye, Dube aye. (Vote 5-0)

The Board reentered public session at 7:28.

Mr. Dube stated that the Board had entered non public for a discussion about personnel and Planning Board procedure.

Rose Cleveland Alternate Planning Board Member Application

Mr. Dube said that the Board members can be active on social media but nothing about the Board or Board business can be discussed. Mrs. Cleveland said she has stayed away from social media and hasn't posted anything for a while. Mr. Stewart said at our last meeting my concern was your property coming out of compliance. He thought maybe we should give it some time like maybe a year and some of the Board members felt that was too long. I wondered if your property came out of compliance, as an alternate, whether the Board could do anything and I'm not sure if we can. He asked for Mrs. Cleveland's thoughts. She replied that she doesn't plan to be out of compliance and if she was she wouldn't have a problem leaving the Board. Mr. Stewart said he wasn't sure about the RSA but that's your word I think some members would be good with that. Mr. Dube interprets the RSA a little differently and feels the Board could ask her to step down if they felt it was necessary.

Mr. Leroux asked Mrs. Cleveland why she would like to be an alternate. She said when she moved to New Hampshire she was unaware of compliance and she has learned an awful lot going through all this. Because of her experience she feels she can advocate for people in these situations and perhaps help them understand. Mr. Stewart shared his opinion about the condition of her property as it stands now. He feels she will get voted in tonight but will not be voting for her but will welcome her on the Board and will work with whoever is on the Board.

Mr. Fifield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leroux, to appoint Rose Cleveland as an alternate to the Planning Board.

Mr. Fifield said he is familiar and worked with her on her property where she had a pretty daunting task. In the spirit of, we can all work together, He said he could see both sides and if something happened the Board would have to take action. He feels that she will bring value into the discussions, we may or may not take some heat for our decision, He said with all the negativity that she has taken that she is still willing to serve the Town is commendable. He said he will be voting in the affirmative. He feels that the Boards concerns are legitimate. **(Vote 3-2)**

Approval of minutes

Mr. DesRoches made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fifield, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2023. (Vote 4-0-1)

Mr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mr. DesRoches, to approve the minutes of May 5, 2023. (Vote 5-0)

There was no meeting on May 18, 2023

Correspondence

None

Set next meeting date

June 15, 2023

**Mr. Fifield made a motion, seconded by Mr. DesRoches, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45.
(Vote 5-0)**

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next Planning Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath
Planning Board Secretary