

**MINUTES  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM - 13 SCHOOL STREET  
IN PERSON IN THE KENDALL MEETING ROOM,  
ON-LINE VIA ZOOM, OR BY TELEPHONE  
OCTOBER 26, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT:     Nate Drummond (Chair)  
                              Tracy Krueger (Vice Chair)  
                              Justin Schlawin  
                              Reeve Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT:     Richard Joyce, William Shippen

STAFF PRESENT:       Matthew James, Code Enforcement Officer

**1. REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINE QUORUM**

On Thursday, October 26, 2023, a meeting of the Bowdoinham, Maine Planning Board was held in the Kendall Room at the Town Office. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Chairman Drummond called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Drummond offered condolences to all the families and friends touched by the mass shooting in Lewiston. He said all hearts are broken. He said he will keep the meeting tonight as short as possible.

As there was a little time before the 6:15 Public Hearing, Chairman Drummond asked Matt James, Code Enforcement Officer, to talk a little about the scheduled work shop. Mr. James said he would rather discuss the potential subdivision on Cranberry Lane in person at a regular meeting. Justin Schlawin worked with the applicant and can talk about it. He said he forwarded to Board members the parcel plan survey for review.

Chairman Drummond asked Chris Vonderweidt, a new member on the Board, to introduce himself. Chris said he saw the ad for a Planning Board member and figured it is a good way to serve the community. He said he is anxious to read the ordinance and bylaws to familiarize himself. Mr. Drummond said Tracy Krueger, Reeve Wood, William Shippen and Justin Schlawin are voting members. Richard Joyce is an alternate. He said he will read further and determine whether Chris will be a voting member. The Board consists of 5 members. The role of non-voting members are to participate, ask questions, etc. Mr. Drummond said he will get a copy of the ordinance and bylaws for Chris to read. Mr. Vonderweidt said he has a Master's Degree in Coastal Environmental Management and spent the next 9 years working for regulatory agencies and 3 of that was in Maine for the Department of Marine Research. I did a lot of committee work but not land use stuff. I worked for 6 years for Gulf Maine Institute, more committee work. I now work for Stantec doing environmental permitting, bridges,

culverts, water regulation, statutes, etc. I am anxious to get the feel for how the Bowdoinham Planning Board works. Hopefully, next time around we will meet in person.

## **2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 24, 2023 MEETING**

It was agreed to consider the minutes of the August 24, 2023 meeting at the next meeting of the Board.

## **3. PUBLIC HEARING**

**SITE PLAN REVIEW – TIER II APPLICATION** (Public Hearing 6:15 p.m.)

**APPLICANT ATDT, LLC (DOUG TOURTELOTTE) IS REQUESTING TO RELOCATE FOUR GAS PUMPS LOCATED AT 50 RIVER ROAD AND THE ASSOCIATED STORAGE TANK TO THE LOT ACROSS THE STREET AT U03-026**

The Planning Board meeting was closed and the Public Hearing was declared open. It appears that applicant Tourtelotte may be having difficulty connecting to Zoom.

Mr. Drummond presented some history saying this application came before the Board on August 24, 2023 and the application was found to be complete. A site walk was conducted early in September, so it has been some time since the project has been evaluated. Mr. James reported that no new material has been submitted.

During the site walk in September the applicant agreed to move the entry way to the side of the utility pole away from the water side and to erect a fence along the eastern side to buffer the neighbors. Plantings will be placed on the side of the road to encourage people to use the new entrance and exit.

At this point, it was noted that applicant Tourtelotte had joined the meeting. Mr. Drummond ask him if there was anything he wanted to add. Mr. Tourtelotte said he was in Tennessee in the mountains and reception was not too good. He agreed with what was mentioned earlier regarding the plantings, moving the entrance pole and addition of the fence to shield his neighbor.

Chairman Drummond asked if anyone had any questions regarding what Mr. Tourtelotte proposed. Ms. Krueger said she had no questions except caution that the road is close to the stream. Mr. Tourtelotte said he will do something to improve that. He will either plant shrubs or have potted plants; not sure yet. Mr. Wood said when the fence was first discussed he remembered it was to run the length of the lot line. Applicant said he will work with the neighbor to he will agree where to end the fence. Mr. Vonderweidt thanked Mr. Tourtelotte was joining he meeting and said he was a new member on the Board. He asked if Mr. Tourtelotte was working with the DEP for permits. Mr. Tourtelotte responded that he is working with Portland Pump and they are obtaining all permits. Plans are included to remove the old gas tanks.

Mr. Tourtelotte asked if he needed a special permit from the Town to remove the tank. Mr. James responded that he would like some documentation that all State requirements have been met.

It was noted that there were no members from the public tuning in on Zoom.

The Board asked the applicant for an updated plan showing the new entrance, location of the plantings and placement of the fence. It was noted that the November meeting of the Board is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Mr. Tourtelotte said he will be in Canada and would appreciate approval by the end of February. He said he will be away after the 1<sup>st</sup> of December until May. The Board asked the applicant to communicate with Mr. James to determine which meeting he can attend. Mr. Schlawin asked if perhaps someone else could represent the applicant at a meeting. Applicant said his wife, Ann, may be able to attend and that he will ask her and get back to Mr. James.

With no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was declared closed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4. PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP**

Sara Reed is requesting a Planning Board Workshop to discuss a potential Subdivision on the Carding Machine Road, Cranberry Way.

**ITEM 5 -ADJOURN**

Motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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