

DRAFT Minutes of the 7 October 2020 Clifton Maine Planning Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. in the town office building. Present were Chairperson Bruce Jellison, Vice Chairperson David Cogdell, members Vern Campbell, Julie LaVertue and alternate member Bruce Davis. The only other attendee in the town office building was SWEB representative Paul Fuller. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairperson Bruce Jellison designated Bruce Davis to be a Planning Board member for this specific meeting.

Upon a motion by Vern/Bruce Davis and unanimous vote, the minutes of the 23 September 2020 hearing/special meeting were approved.

Chairperson Jellison advised that the primary purpose of this meeting was to discuss and take into consideration the comments made by the public during the hearing and any written statements that had been submitted regarding the Silver Maple project. Accordingly, the following statements made during the hearing from various individuals and/or via written comments were discussed as appropriate:

Michael Carey (SWEB Development Manager). This included Carey's statements via Zoom during the hearing and a 29 September 2020 letter and related documents that he submitted in response to public comments made during the hearing and/or written submissions. Topics included visual impact, migratory songbirds, concerns that the energy produced would not benefit local communities, impact on property values, and concerns over the water table and local soils. Over the course of the meeting, Paul Fuller also addressed some of these topics in response to Planning Board questions. Other speakers or those who submitted written comments were as follows:

Galen LaVertue

Linda Graban (verbal comments and written submission)

Mary Ann McGarry

Molly Kealy

Jeff Ryan

Rick Moore

Sandy Cogdell

Anita Findlen

Craig O'Donnell (written comments only)

Upon a motion by Bruce Davis/Vern and unanimous vote, the Board decided to hold an additional meeting on Thursday, 15 October 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the town office building. Purpose of this meeting will be to begin the finding of fact portion of the Silver Maple permitting process and will be broadcast via Zoom.

Julie left the meeting at 7:10 p.m. to attend to another matter.

Bruce Davis discussed his involvement in a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) committee created by the Selectmen to explore options available to the town with respect to TIF funds. The Board also discussed the town's draft comprehensive plan and future efforts to finalize the document.

Upon a motion by Vern/Bruce Davis, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Note: A copy of the Zoom recording may be obtained by contacting the town office.

Minutes prepared by Vice Chairperson David Cogdell