Minutes of the 2 November 2022 Clifton, Maine Planning Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:08 p.m. in the town office building. Present were Board Chairperson Bruce Jellison, Vice Chairperson David Cogdell, and members David Noto and Vern Campbell.

Upon a motion by Vern/David Cogdell, the minutes of the 28 September 2022 special meeting were approved by a 3/0 vote with David Noto abstaining since he was not present at that meeting. (Note: There was no October 2022 meeting due to the special meeting.)

Bruce handed out copies of the Town of Dedham’s Assembly and Mass Gathering Ordinance, noting that the ordinance was triggered by various public health and safety issues that took place in other towns. Board members were asked to review the ordinance and be prepared to discuss at next month’s meeting whether Clifton would benefit from such an ordinance.

David Cogdell reported that the town office had signed him up for the 30 November Legal Marijuana Landscape webinar presented by the Maine Municipal Association. The webinar is designed to provide an overview of the various laws governing medical and recreational marijuana, and to assist towns in dealing with the issue. Members of the Board were encouraged to sign up as well if their schedule allows.

The Board discussed a complaint that the town received regarding the development of a camp and problematic septic installation on a shoreline lot on Campbell Lane. Although a septic permit was issued by Maine’s Department of Environmental Protection and a building permit existed, further review indicated that the property was still subject to Board review/approval per the town’s land use ordinance. Accordingly, the town’s Code Enforcement Officer will revoke the construction permit pending the Board’s review.

The Board also discussed several mobile homes located on Rebel Hill Road.

Upon a motion by Vern/David Cogdell and a 4/0 vote, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Board Vice Chairperson David Cogdell.