Minutes of 4 May 2022 Town of Clifton Planning Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:58 p.m. in the town office building. Present were Board Chairperson Bruce Jellison, Vice Chairperson David Cogdell, and member Vern Campbell. Member David Noto was not present but had earlier advised that he might not be able to attend the meeting due to work requirements. Also present were Rick Leavitt, the town Code Enforcement Officer, and observer Sherry Murray who has expressed an interest in applying to the Selectmen for an appointment to the Planning Board.

Upon a motion by Vern/David and a 3/0 vote, the minutes of the 6 April 2022 Planning Board meeting were approved.

Rick provided a draft of his proposed shoreline ordinance. He noted that portions of the draft in red pertained to timber harvesting with several choices available. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion by Bruce/Vern and a 3/0 vote, the Board accepted Rick’s recommendation that allows the town to retain some local control over the administration and enforcement of timber harvesting in the shoreland zone, while receiving assistance and expertise from the Bureau of Forestry.

Additionally, upon a motion by Bruce/David and 3/0 vote, accepted several of Rick’s recommendations regarding mineral exploration and extraction that are contained in the draft.

As part of this process, Rick noted that he would obtain a pre-approval along with certain verbiage from Maine’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the draft. Bruce requested that the administrative portion of the draft that he had worked on be submitted to DEP at the same time.

Rick and members of the Board then discussed several issues relating to junk yards in Clifton.

Upon a motion by Vern/David and a 3/0 vote, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Vice Chairperson David Cogdell.