

ORFORD PLANNING BOARD
2529 Governor Meldrim Thomson Scenic Highway
Orford, NH 03777

Minutes for August 10, 2020
(Meeting by ZOOM web service)

Meeting held by internet connection, as advertised at Orford Town Hall and on List Serve for the Town of Orford. (ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING # 828-8467-1258) Meeting was recorded on Zoom and hosted by Adam Ricker of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

Meeting was called to order by Terry Martin at 6:05 PM.

The following participating on the “on-line” Zoom service:

For the Board: Harry Osmer, Faith Knapp, Terry Martin, Fred Kidder II, Terry Straight, and Ann Green. Absent Board Member: Roberta Gray,

Also attending Adam Ricker for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (hereinafter UVLSRPC) (Host of this “zoom” meeting),

Public Attendance: No one signed in.

The Board sadly noted the passing of Mark C. Marsh, an elected member of the Orford Planning Board. By unanimous consent, the Board resolved to send a letter reflecting Mark’s service to his daughters and to Esther Dobbins-Marsh. Chair to draft and circulate for consent.

On motion by Faith Knapp, and second by Terry Straight, Ann Green was seated as an alternate. (See Roll Call Vote # 1—all in favor.)

The Chair called for a review and approval of the Minutes of June 13, 2020. was moved by Ann Green and seconded by Faith Knapp. Fred Kidder and Terry Straight abstained, otherwise all in favor of approval without any additions or corrections. (See Roll Call vote #2, on roll call chart below.)

Old Business:

1. Discussion of a Vice Chair or Co-Chair was tabled.
2. Discussion on how to fill out Mark Marsh’s term was taken up by request of the Chair. Fred Kidder explained that it was up to the Board to name a replacement through to the next town election, in March of 2021. On motion by Fred and second by Terry Straight and unanimous roll call vote #3 (below) Ann Green accepted.
3. Board held a lengthy discussion about hiring a Recording Secretary. Adam Ricker had no candidates, Ann Green reported Lyme’s pay scale was \$21.50 per hour, and that Piermont

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provided a fixed salary of \$1,100 per year for a Recording Secretary to take both the Planning and Zoning Board minutes. Faith Knapp expressed concern about paying a fair wage, particularly when meetings ran long. Harry reported that Ruth Hook was spending between 2-3 hours in transcription, and discussion followed on the exceptional meetings that would go well beyond our typical hour to hour and a half. ON MOTION of Fred Kidder and 2nd by Terry Straight the Board agreed unanimously (see roll call #4 below) to advertise the position on the Orford List Serve at \$75 per meeting. Ann Green agreed to draft the “advertisement.”

4. There was no progress reported on finding interested parties to be alternate members of the Board
 5. The Kelly Barber matter originally calendared for tonight’s meeting was withdrawn by Ms. Barber. She expects to make an application by the deadline for the September 14th meeting.
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NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board reviewed both Fred Kidder visit to the Stacy Thompson sand pit excavation site, which is above Mont Fort Farm on Route 10 north. There was a verbal report by the Chair, Terry W. Martin, Ann Green, and Harry Osmer at 5 pm on August 10,2020. (Pictures will be available to the file.)
Discussion: There is a small pile of asphalt rubble, which remains undisturbed. There does not seem to be any excavation, but the site had been recently bull-dozed clean. There is some evidence that the property is being used partially as a stump dump. (Bio-degradable wood.) No evidence of run-off or any other issues, but the Board noted that there has not been a filing of an intent to excavate in 2019 nor so far in 2020. Ann Green volunteered to draft a letter to Mr. Thomson which will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Orford Planning Board.
2. Chair agreed to talk to Esther Marsh about updates to the Website.

Motion by Fred Kidder with second by Terry Straight, to adjourn was unanimous at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Terry W. Martin
Chair

Roll Call Voting Results: Meeting of August 10, 2020 Attached below:

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Next Regular Meeting of the Orford Planning Board is September 14, 2020 at **6:00PM** at the Town Offices, or by Zoom as necessary

DEADLINE FOR NEW APPLICATIONS: August 28, 2020.

Roll Call Votes for August 10, 2020			Present	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3	Vote 4	Vote 5
1	Roberta	Gray	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
2	Fred	Kidder II	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Faith	Knapp	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Ann	Green	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes
5	Terry	Martin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Harry	Osmer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Terry	Straight	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Planning Assistant			Adam Ricker	UVLSRPC	No			
	Vote 1 :	Motion to seat Ann Green as an alternate						
	Vote 2:	Approval of Minutes						
	Vote 3:	Motion to have Ann Green fill out vacant seat until next Town Meeting						
	Vote 4:	Motion to advertize Recording Secretary at \$75/hour						
	Vote 5:	Adjournment						