

**Town of Gilsum  
PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2024**

**Board Present:** Vicki Ayer, Chair; Brian Bazarnicki, *Ex Officio*; Tom Julius, Member; and Carol Ogilvie, Alternate Member

**Present over Zoom:** None

**Also Present:** No one

**CTO:** Chair Ayers called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Chair Ayers appointed Carol Ogilvie to sit as a full member tonight.

**I. Minutes**

Vicki distributed the minutes of September 12, 2024 and asked if anyone had comments or changes. Brian stated that he would like his statement added that he pointed out to Vicki that there are certain responsibilities that go with being Chair that do not/should not get compensated.

*Motion by Tom Julius/seconded by Brian Bazarnicki to approve the September 12, 2024 minutes as amended, with all in favor.*

**II. Continued Steep Slopes Discussion**

Tabled to next meeting.

**III. Continued Building Inspector Discussion**

Vicki has information from the Town of New London and would like everyone to read it. She stated that the Selectmen need to be prepared for next year if Clem decides to not stand for the position again. Tom suggested sending the document out as a pdf so the members can read it prior to the next meeting.

**IV. Continued Noise Ordinance Discussion**

Vicki stated that this has stayed on the agenda because it has been sent to the Selectmen and the Board is waiting to hear back.

Tom questioned (in general, not just for a noise ordinance) whether a proposed ordinance should be heavily advertised so that the public is educated and will understand what the Board is thinking. Carol stated that in her experience it is always a challenge to get people out, either for a preliminary workshop or for the public hearing. Tom posed an example of how this could work: posting to the website the information that is pertinent to the topic being reviewed. Vicki can create a space on the planning board page for this sort of thing, including amendments under consideration, planning board topics of interest, etc.

Tom wondered if these topics should be addressed first in the master plan, and stated that there has been grant money for master plan. If more money becomes available, the Board could apply for a grant and work on an update to the master plan. This work would help the Board with future work on these topics.

Tom noted that at the recent peer to peer meeting, the Executive Director of SWRPC encouraged towns to be proactive. Vicki stated that she has been collecting master plan and zoning information from other towns.

**V. Freedom Motors**

Cherkas Automotive bought Freedom Motors. also has a business in Chesterfield that is transport. Moved the business office to Gilsum. Trucks are only in Gilsum when they are being worked on. New Business - Storage for plywood also. Warehousing and pick up. Vicki emailed site plan checklist indicating the basic items that would definitely be needed and explained that the board might require more. Should be coming to the Board for a review.

**VI. Other Business**

Discussed board resources and how to access them. NH Office of Planning and Development.

Correct municipal survey

Tom – feedback from peer to peer exchange roundtable at the Library. Very positive feedback. Next December 5

Carol will not be able to attend in November.

**VII. Agenda for Next Meeting – November 14 , 2024**

- A. Minutes of October 10, 2024
- B. Continued Steep Slopes Discussion
- C. Continued Building Inspector Discussion
- D. Continued Noise Ordinance Discussion

*Motion by Tom Julius/seconded by Carol Ogilvie to adjourn at 8:06 P.M. with all in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted by:

Carol Ogilvie

**Approved 2024**

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Victoria Ayers, Chair

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Brian Bazarnicki

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Heidi Bukoski

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Tom Julius

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Bill Whyte

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Carol Ogilvie