

## **DRAFT Egremont Planning Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 19, 2022**

**Call to order: 10:06 AM**

**Present via Zoom:**

**Planning Board:** Jared Kelly (JK) Chair, Mary McGurn (MM), Stephen Lyle (SL) Clerk, Matthew Bersani (MB), Eddie Regendahl (ER)

**Citizens in Attendance:** Lucinda Vermeulen, Board of Selectmen (BoS), Steve Goodman, Eileen Vining, James

**Form A's:** None

**Mail:** Notice Jan 11, 2022, Egremont ZBA meeting continued to Jan 25.2022, 5 PM

**Minutes:** Tabled until the next meeting.

**Citizen's Time:** None

### **Updates and discussion**

One Stop for Growth.

Mary McGurn updated PB member ER on the state's grant portal; ER was absent from the 1.5.2022 meeting.

Jared informed the Board of a meeting for Monday, 1.24.2022 at 1:30 with Peg McDonough (ARPA Administrator), Mary McGurn, Mary Brazie (BoS), Fred Gordon (Chairman, Housing Committee), and himself to coordinate Expression of Interests (EOI) among town boards, committees, and town officials ahead of the 2.4.2022 submission deadline.

JK made a motion for at least one EOI submitted by the PB concerning implementation of the Master Plan. JK and MM will draft. The motion passed 4-0.

### Definition of Structure and Its Impact on Current Zoning Bylaws.

JK called on Steve Goodman (SG) and MB to update their joint work. SG created a chart summarizing his review of Egremont's zoning bylaws identifying sections where consideration might be necessary of the impact of a particular definition of the term structure. JK concluded that further work was required. SG suggested the Board define dwelling and structure separately. MM suggested that this work could be included under the Board's EOI. JK expressed his preference to get the definition of structure done before a possible One Stop for Growth grant addresses zoning items arising from the Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan). An additional discussion ensued on organizing the bylaws relating to setbacks and structure for commercial and residential uses. MM noted no definition of consumer establishment in the zoning bylaws. JK asked SG and MB to continue their collaboration.

JK updated ER on the Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan) choice of consultant.

### Fence Bylaw.

ER will send a draft bylaw to members.

### Junk Cars.

SL described the Stockbridge junk car bylaw. Members suggested possible refinements.

### New Business

MM described a situation in Richmond, MA, regarding the Berkshire National Resource Council's (BNRC) Hollow Fields preserve. Abutters to the preserve filed a legal challenge claiming BNRC failed to get a special permit for the site. The unsettled challenge raises whether Egremont should by right allow passive recreation (hiking, biking, kayaking) on public lands. JK suggested we monitor the actions of Richmond's Planning Board, which is engaged in drafting a bylaw. MB mentioned the recent acquisition of Bow Wow Woods by the Sheffield and Egremont Land Trusts for passive recreation and educational purposes as a possible similar situation within Egremont.

JK will notice the upcoming meeting with Emily Innes of Innes Associates for 1.27.2022.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2.2, 2022, at 10 AM.

Meeting Adjourned 12:04 PM