

Egremont Planning Board Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022

Call to order:

Present via Zoom: 10:04

Planning Board: Jared Kelly, Chairman, Mary McGurn (MM), Stephen Lyle (SL), Matthew Bersani, Eddie Regendahl (ER),

Citizens in Attendance: Eileen Vining (EV), Peg McDonough (Town Administrator of ARPA), David Seligman (Chairman, Conservation Commission), Egremont Comprehensive Plan and OSRP Consultants Emily Innes (EI), and Tracy Adamski (TA)

Form A's:

Mike Parson, the surveyor, presented two Form A's. 1. Gary and Mary Oggiani's Notice regarding selling plot 1 at 26 Undermountain Rd. (Abutter Judge Sunshine to be conveyed tiny parcel "a" to resolve property line dispute). 2. Small revision to previously endorsed Curnin notice on Shun Toll Road. Both approved 4-0

Mail: None

Minutes: Feb 16, 2022, adopted as amended 3-0

Citizen's Time: None

Updates and discussion

Expressions of Interest, One Stop for Growth Update. Peg McDonough said she felt the PB's chances for success with its EOI are better if the town prioritizes one, possibly two grants, as that is the likely limit per community. The BoS will decide which grant proposals will be submitted at their next scheduled meeting.

Emily Innes and Tracy Adamski joined at 10:30 AM.

EI ran through her agenda of upcoming actions, including the survey, identifying candidates for interviews, and the first draft of existing conditions. The survey will cover both the Comprehensive Plan and OSRP. DS suggested sending a press release regarding the survey and the two plans to the local media. MM will provide any needed coordination. EI and TA described their criteria for those they wish to interview. A shared Google Doc will be created to gather names of possible

candidates for committee memberships. A standard script will be developed as a preface for invitations.

EI and TA provided guidance on the structure, processes, and expected interactions of committees. EI described how early and robust community participation is the key precursor to getting town-wide buy-in. While the Planning and Conservation Commission boards have final approval of the plans, building strong buy-in from townspeople and the other Egremont town boards is the best practice for realizing actual plans. All committee meetings will be public. Committees should ideally be formed by the end of May. The first survey should be active in June, with the subsequent public meeting occurring in July.

Fences, Junk Cars, and the interactive online forms on the town's new website were briefly discussed. Discussion on Structure was tabled.

A meeting time was set with EI, TA, and the PB for a "walk-around" on March 30th from 2-4 PM. PB will meet at Town Hall at 1:30 PM on the same day to conduct any necessary business.

The next PB Meeting is scheduled for April 13th, at 10 AM

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.