

Town of Campton
Planning Board Regular Meeting Minutes
July 14th 2020

Board Attendees: Stuart Pitts, Chairman, Chris Kelly, Tim Scanlon, Floyd Wilkie, Greg Jencks, Secretary, Rita Sebastian, Alternate, Jack Letvinchuk, Alternate, and Charles Cheney, Ex-Officio

Public Attendees: George Lougee, Adam Lougee, Lauren Hughes, Debbie Besemer, Linda Mattson, Kevin Colburn, Bruce Swomly and Dan Mattson

Stuart Pitts opened the meeting at 6:40 PM.

First on the agenda, the minutes of the February 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting. Greg Jencks made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Floyd Wilkie seconded the motion. The Planning Board voted in the affirmative, unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was, the minutes of the March 3rd, 2020 Work Session. Chris Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Jencks seconded the motion. The Planning Board voted in the affirmative, unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was, the minutes of the June 30th, 2020 Work Session. Greg Jencks made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris Kelly seconded the motion. The Planning Board voted in the affirmative, unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was, the minutes of the July 7th, 2020 Work Session. Chris Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes. Floyd Wilkie seconded the motion. The Planning Board voted in the affirmative, unanimously.

The first item under new business on the agenda was a site plan review for George Lougee. The Lougee's handed out a few copies of their site plan review map. After reviewing the map and discussing distances with the Board, a request was made from the Board to expand the width of the parking lot so that it was easier to turn an emergency vehicle around in. The applicant was agreeable to expanding the parking lot for emergency vehicles. The expansion was an additional 50' added to the width of the parking lot.

The conversation turned to addressing the abutters and general audience in attendance. The applicant turned to those in attendance and started to describe what their plans were for this property. They talked about the curriculum that will be taught at the camp as well as addressing concerns about fires, shooting ranges, and securing the parking lot. The Planning Board suggested to chain the entrance of the parking lot to avoid people parking or gathering when the business is not operating. The applicant told the abutters they would be doing sessions only about one weekend a month. The abutters also questioned who the target audience was and what the size of the business will be. The Applicant explained that he was looking to bring in adults who are looking to improve their survival skills. The Applicant also reassured the abutters that he is only looking to keep the group small to better give individual training.

The next major topic of discussion was the concern about a return of squatters in the area. The Board asked about the free camping in that area of Eastern Corner Rd and that impact on the squatter population. The abutters agreed that the free camping areas did have an impact and that they were concerned that a parking lot may bring back some squatters. Kevin Colburn was at the meeting representing the Conservation Fund, as he watched over the land up there. He mentioned that free camping was an issue in the past and that the land has been closed off to that sort of activity.

The Board conferred and agreed that they had no more questions for the applicant. Tim made a motion to approve the site plan review for George Lougee with the alterations to the parking lot. Seconded by Floyd, approved unanimously.

The next item was a review of the approved building permits. There were no questions about any of the approved permits.

The final item on the agenda was an update of the site plan and subdivision regulations and application. The Clerk brought up an idea to add a PDF requirement for subdivisions so that they can be easily stored and shared. The Board thought that would be appropriate and agreed that the recommendation could be added.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Davenport
Planning Board Clerk