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PLANNING BOARD
Minutes

Tuesday, 7/12/2022 – Garland Town Office

1. Call to order and quorum 6:07 pm

Ed Hummel, Robert Goings, Nathan Pitts, Peter Devine

Guests: Diane Wilson, David Carmichael

2. Approval of minutes of 6/14/22

Motion: Peter

Second: Robert

Vote: 4/0/0

3. Correspondence:

None

4. FOAA (Freedom of Access Act) Training: Freedom of Access Act applies to all public proceedings involving three or more participants. Advance notice (normally 7 days) must be given. The public has a right to attend and record, but no right to participate or ask questions. Conversations among members about topics that would normally be discussed in a meeting are not allowed.

Executive sessions were discussed as well as public access to records and documents.

Planning Board members should complete training within 120 days of oath of office, and a certificate of completion must be on file for all members. Training is available on the MMA website along with FAQ's and a sample certificate form.

Action:

- Peter will print out certificate forms to be signed at next meeting
- Ursula and Greg need to complete training
- Ed will get draft agendas to Peter at least 7 days prior to meeting date.

5. Old Business:

- Maps and E-911 – No new information
- Broadband – Robert commented on Consolidated’s presentation at last meeting suggesting that he still prefers Premium Choice. Nathan agreed, stating that it’s important to be serving everyone with a power pole and Premium Choice had made that promise. It was suggested that Robert view Consolidated’s presentation through the email link sent last month.
- Bridge: Nathan reported that Maine DOT has given the Selectboard a consent agreement to not replace the Millett Road bridge. At the same time Eric Calderwood, the design engineer, suggested that he might be able to group other towns’ bridge projects together in order to meet the \$2.5 million threshold for a project using federal infrastructure funds.

Action: Nathan will pursue Eric’s idea.

- Mailings: Nathan reported about 15 cards have been returned. The people he talked with seemed appreciative. He has given the contact information to PENQUIS who will follow up with the residents.

Action: Nathan will send PENQUIS contact information to Peter who will share it with couple in town who’s well has run dry.

- ARPA Funds Committee: Diane reported that the committee is awaiting cost information on stream crossings. They have discussed town office computer needs, stream crossings, using the municipal building as a

shelter, and broadband. We suggested considering a drilled well for the municipal building as part of the shelter.

Action: Diane will follow up

- Maine Resilience Partnership and Dover Foxcroft Climate Action Advisory Committee: Robert reported that it was his understanding that the Committee has not met. He was informed that Consolidated was planning to meet with the committee last month,

Action: Robert will follow up with Denise Buzzelli

6. New Business:

None

7. Public Forum: David Carmichael suggested amending the Subdivision Ordinance to include a statement to the effect that “no subdivision shall commence until a subdivision is approved”

Action: Ed will add a discussion re: this to August’s agenda

8. Adjournment

Motion: Nathan

Second: Robert

Vote: 4/0/0