

**NORRIDGEWOCK PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021
6:00 PM
TOWN OFFICE AND ONLINE, VIA ZOOM**

Members Present: John Ames, Charlotte Curtis, Margaret O'Connell (via Zoom)
Members Absent: Matt Keister, Mike Shute

Others Present: Town Manager Richard LaBelle, Code Enforcement Officer David Savage, Tim Lyman, and Brian Rhea (Swift River Properties)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ames at 6:00 PM.

2. New Business

Preliminary Discussion Regarding a Proposed Subdivision on Red Barn and Ward Hill Roads (Map 3, Lot 14) with Representatives of Swift River Properties

Charlotte Curtis moved to waive the 14 days and to hold the Sketch Plan Review of David Rhea of Swift River Properties for a subdivision on Red Barn Rd, Map 3 Lot 14, Chair Ames seconded. Roll call by Secretary Curtis: Ames, Curtis in favor; O'Connell opposed. Motion Passed.

The Board discussed the Sketch Plan Review and the explanation of the requirements of the Ordinance. The subdivision will consist of ten (10) lots which will include the large lot in back off the road.

Charlotte Curtis moved to accept and approve the applicant's request for ten-foot (10') contour intervals, Chair Ames seconded. Roll call by Secretary Curtis: Ames, Curtis in favor; O'Connell abstained. Motion Passed.

Charlotte Curtis moved that the application has met the definition of "sub-division", Chair Ames seconded. Roll call by Secretary Curtis: Ames, Curtis in favor; O'Connell abstained. Motion Passed.

The applicant has been given information and the Subdivision Ordinance.

Charlotte Curtis moved to accept the "Subdivision Application Sketch Plan Review" of Maine Woods and Waters as complete, Chair Ames seconded. Roll call by Secretary Curtis: Ames, Curtis in favor; O'Connell opposed. Motion Passed.

Discussion Regarding an Ordinance Regulating Scrolling or Flashing Signs

This issue was placed on the agenda by Chair Ames who thinks these are safety issues, as they are distractions for drivers. He is especially concerned about the one at the intersection at Waterville Rd., Hotel St., Mechanic St. Main St. and Skowhegan Rd.

Margaret O'Connell stated that the Board should table this discussion until the whole Board is present. Charlotte Curtis suggested getting information from neighboring towns on the subject. No action was taken.

3. Discussion/Action on April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Ames to approve; Margaret O'Connell seconded. Roll call by Secretary Curtis: Ames, Curtis, O'Connell in favor; none opposed. Motion Passed.

4. Discussion/Action on Meeting Schedule/Format

The Board will continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. If the Board continues to allow remote (Zoom) meetings, the Board will have to vote to accept a Policy regarding it. A draft policy will be e-mailed to all members of the Board for review.

5. Other Business

None.

6. Adjournment

Chair Ames adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.