

Starksboro Planning Commission

Minutes of March 5, 2020

Approved

Board members present: Brad Boss, Jeff Keeney, Denny Barnard, Rodney Orvis, Denny Casey
Unable to attend: Dan Nugent, Dan Harris
Others present: Rebecca Elder, ZA

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor's Business: none

Current Business

Election of officers – The board members decided to postpone elections since 2 members were unable to attend.

Minutes of 2/20/20

Motion: Jeff Keeney made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/20/2020 as presented. Denny Barnard second. **Motion carried.**

Sugar on Snow planning

The board discussed ideas for the upcoming Sugar on Snow event.

Items to prepare include a large display of the Town map. Rebecca will create a game with a list of places to locate on the map. Treats for kids will be on hand.

Denny B. and Rodney offered to help Rebecca with a quiz about Starksboro sugaring.

Ideas for questions:

- Where does Starksboro rank in production vs. State?
- Who were the first people to maple sugar?
- How many sugar makers are there in Starksboro?

Large display of the land behind the Robinson school. Ask folks “What are the top 5 things you’d like to see on this land for Starksboro?” Ideas for recreational uses and community space include: soccer, baseball, horseshoes, indoor team practice/workout space.

The board briefly discussed continuing issues around Hillsboro and Ireland Roads pertaining to flooding and the meandering of the Lewis Creek.

The board reviewed information on the riparian easement and management plan for Cota field.

Alternate sports field options

Jeff brought a map with topo information and a soils map. There is loamy soil and section of sand and gravel in the center. Terracing would be needed in order to accomplish the goal of flat fields. It would also likely involve disturbance of more than an acre, which would require a different level or review and permitting.

The PC plans to extend an invitation to the local legislators to hear their thoughts on:

1. Act 250 and potential changes proposed
2. Junkyards
3. Climate change – Goals related to carbon free by 2025
4. Forest economy issues

Next meeting: Finalize list of questions to the legislators.
Finalize the sugar on snow plan

Motion to adjourn: Brad Boss made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Rodney Orvis second.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Elder, ZA