

Town of Starksboro
Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes of July 6, 2023

Approved

Board members present: Dennis Casey, Dan Nugent, Brad Boss, Jeff Keeney, David Schmidt, Lexy Thompson, Denny Barnard

Others present: Rebecca Elder (TA), Nancy Boss (ZA)

The meeting was called to order at 6:32p.m. by Chair Dennis Casey. The meeting was in person at the Town Office and via Zoom.

Agenda was reviewed: Jeff Keeney would like to add "Conflict of interest policy" discussion. The group agreed to add during PC Current Business.

Visitor's Business – none

PC Current Business:

Jeff Keeney suggested that Lexy Thompson resign, due to the fence policy that was discussed and voted on at a previous meeting. Jeff said that it was a conflict of interest for Lexy, and she should have recused herself. Denny Casey asked board members to share thoughts/opinions regarding this issue. No additional members felt resignation was appropriate.

Review Fence regulations:

The group discussed the current height policy with the possibility of applying for a waiver in cases that should require additional height. It was noted that no resident has asked for a fence waiver in the recent past.

Jeff K. made a motion to re-vote the fence height policy – Dan N. seconded.

Recused – Lexy

Vote: Motion approved by remaining 6 members.

Dan N. made a motion to change the fence height to 12' Jeff K. seconded.

Recused – Lexy

Vote 3 in favor, 3 opposed, vote failed, fence height will remain unchanged.

Review in ground pool regs:

The group discussed in-ground and above-ground pools, it was agreed in-ground pools should be considered structures and require permits. The group will discuss further the language to be voted on at the next meeting.

Review ROD (Recreational opportunity District) information for 2nd draft:

Lexy removed herself from the discussion.

Group discussed:

- extending 600' into F&C boundaries
- add camping in different districts
- allowing income opportunities (conditional use permits)

Review Zoning reg 413 .a.e. (certificate of occupancy):

Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

June 15 Minutes

Motion: Jeff K moved to approve minutes from 6/15/2023 as presented. Dan N. seconded

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

The group agreed to continue brain-storming, and bring notes to the next meeting to discuss so that a plan can be developed for the public forum.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. : J. Kenney moved D. Barnard seconded.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously