

Union Planning Board Minutes
Thursday, December 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room

Present: Gerald Brooks, Laura Curtis, John Mountainland, Dale Flint, Robin Milliken, Glenn Taylor.

Others present: Grant Watmough, Jim Murphy, Abby Bradeen, Ashley Abruzese, Mark Abruzese, Alyssa Gartley, Ana Cruz, Kevin Cruz, Robert Milliken.

1. Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m. by Glenn Taylor

2. Choose Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Motion by: Laura Curtis to choose Gerald Brooks as Chairman and Glenn Taylor as Vice-Chairman

2nd by: Robin Milliken, also Dale Flint

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3. Accept minutes of August 8, 2019:

Motion by: Laura Curtis

2nd by: Glenn Taylor

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4. Accept minutes of September 12, 2019 continued to September 17, 2019:

Motion by: Robin Milliken

2nd by: John Mountainland

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5. Cruz Enterprises, LLC – Map 8 Lot 1 – Campground:

Alyssa Gartley introduced the site plan and the project: four sites, two Airstream campers and two glamp tents on a small wooden deck with fabric. The glamp tents will have a queen size bed, dresser and chairs. Each site is sized for 5,000 square feet. A 12' gravel path will connect them, and there will be a 24' wide entrance to the property.

Ana spoke of their goal to bring the farm back to life, including livestock and fresh vegetables. They want guests to experience the historical and beautiful property. Four sites are enough; they see this as a retreat not a campground. She said there will be no

RV's, etc. pulling in. Ana and Jason presented written information about their backgrounds to the Board.

Use of the proposed pavilion was discussed, which uses an existing slab. They do not plan to go into the business of holding weddings and events nor having a restaurant. They see the pavilion as a place for meditation, yoga, socialization, and artwork perhaps referring to the sawmill.

Grant clarified that if it becomes a commercial venture, they would have to come back before the Board for a change of use for the structure and Site Plan Review. No permits are needed for livestock, as Union is an agricultural town and we encourage agriculture.

The septic system was discussed. The design is for three sites but could go four.

Motion by: Laura Curtis to accept plan, with the condition that the Board has proof the septic system will be able to cover four sites

2nd by: Glenn Taylor

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6. Any other business by the board:

Grant said there are a couple things on the horizon. An individual wants to do a solar panel farm, basically a huge array of solar panels from which power is sold to utility companies. Other towns have been considering this such as Lincolnville, Hope and Owls Head at the airport. Also, now that the cluster development Ordinance has been revised, that may come back.

Gerald Brooks went to a productive Maine Municipal Association workshop (for Planning Board and Board of Appeals members). He brought back papers including general notes for findings of fact. He said the workshop, given by MMA's staff attorney, was four-and-a-half hours long and went by fast.

Grant noted there will probably be nothing next month.

7. Adjourn: 7:05 p.m.

Motion by: Dale Flint

2nd by: John Mountainland

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Respectfully submitted by,

Sherry Abaldo
Secretary