

Town of Campton
Planning Board Minutes
February 13, 2024

Board Attendees: Jack Letvinchuk via Zoom, Chair; Stuart Pitts, Vice-Chair; Sherrill Howard, Alternate; Jake Tuck; Tim Scanlon, Craig Engel; Ex-Officio and Jade Hartsgrove, Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Coordinator.

Public Attendees: Samantha Bergeron, Cheryl McHale, Cat Tartiglia, Sky and Jess Bartlett, John Anderson, Sarah Dresaj, and Alan Barnard.

Via Zoom: None

Call to Order: Jack Letvinchuk opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Jake Tuck motioned to accept the February 6, 2024, minutes. Tim Scanlon seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

New Business

Sarah Dresaj – Sign Discussion: Sarah wanted to discuss the town's signage issues. As a small business owner, Sarah would like to have more signs allowed. Hence, their businesses are easier to find, especially since many small businesses in town are not in typical commercial-looking buildings. She wanted clarification about the charrette, how that is supposed to support these small businesses, and that the Selectmen are hiring someone to enforce/fine unpermitted signs. Sarah wanted guidance on the procedure to change the law to allow more signs to bring more patrons to their businesses.

Jack explained that, unfortunately, the regulations will remain the same for the next year, as the window has passed for any amendments or changes. It was explained that they could make suggestions and work with the planning board; if they agreed, they could suggest a zoning amendment. The other option would be to do a petitioned warrant article for a zoning amendment. Either way, it would be voted on by ballot.

The board supports the current businesses in town and is willing to listen to ideas and thoughts regarding the subject. In terms of immediate relief, they would need to go to the ZBA for a variance. There was a discussion brought up about directional signs for a business and the procedure. Some of the business owners stated their concerns about their businesses not being seen or vehicles being driven too fast by their businesses. The Board thanked all the business owners for coming in to voice their opinions. The planning board decided a while ago that they would have a living document for possible zoning amendments, and the board encouraged all of the business owners to come to the meetings.

Alan Barnard: Alan is a surveyor and wanted to talk to the Board regarding a subdivision he is doing in the town of Ellsworth. The property is primarily situated in Ellsworth, but some of it is in Campton; it will split a parcel into two. After reviewing and discussing, this subdivision would be done in Ellsworth, and the Planning Board will get an abutter notice, so if the Board chooses to attend the hearing, they can. Alan showed the Board the map of what the subdivision would look like, and there were no issues from the Board.

Privilege of the Floor

-None-

Board Concerns and Directives

Jack Letvinchuk: Jack stated that the March meeting will fall on the first and third Tuesday due to the Town election. Jack also asked if 6 pm was working, and the consensus was yes, it was.

Correspondence

-None-

Jack Letvinchuk adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jade Hartsgrove
Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Coordinator