

TOWN OF ARROWSIC, MAINE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Minutes of May 5, 2014

As amended and approved June 2, 2014

Board Members Present: Chairman, Will Neilson; CEO, Mike Kreindler; Roger Heard; Matt Caras; Jennifer Geiger; Don Kornrumpf; and Geoffrey Cartmell.

7:05 pm Chairman Neilson called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the April 7th meeting were handed out by Chairman Neilson for review. Several adjustments were made. Roger moved to accept the minutes as amended, Don seconded, and all voted in favor.

The Board reviewed an announcement for a Coastal Hazard Resiliency workshop to be held at the Bath City Hall on Thursday May 8, 2014 from 9 am until 12 noon.

CEO Mike Kreindler had several agenda items to share with the Board:

1. A town resident located on Route 127 was stopped from building a chicken coop without a permit. This situation led to some lengthy discussion of the residents lot size, set back requirements, how to measure the lot size (including or not including his ownership of non-buildable marsh land), the State's approach to determining minimum lot size in the Shoreland District, and whether an approach through the town Zoning Board of Appeals may be his only possible avenue of resolution.
2. A preliminary map of the Arrowsic flood risk (Flood Insurance Rate Map) was shared. Mike & Don pointed out a gross inaccuracy on the map which has Squirrel Point incorrectly included within the flood zone.
3. Mike also showed the group a new package of maps he had received referred to as Flood Risk Data Sets & Products. He showed the Board a number of errors on the maps which are supposed to be planning tools. In particular, he noted that the area where Route 127 crosses the marsh just north of the Sasanoa Shores subdivision was not indicated as flooding, when in fact it floods regularly on the highest annual tides and can be expected to do so with increasing frequency as sea levels rise. He also shared a letter he had emailed to the State Flood Plain Manager, FEMA, and the FEMA contractor expressing his frustration at this omission in spite of his having repeatedly drawn their attention to it on multiple occasions at meetings [and in writing]. It may be necessary for the Planning Board to assist the CEO in raising awareness of this problem.

After thanking the CEO for his report, Chairman Neilson stated that he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Roger so moved, Don seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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