Town of Arrowsic, Maine Planning Board Meeting Minutes 5/2/2016

Present-- Will Neilson (PB Chair), Mike Kreindler (CEO), Roger Heard (PB), Matt Caras (PB), Jennifer Geiger (PB), Don Kornrumpf (PB), and Geoffrey Cartmell (PB).

Also Present-- Jack Witham (Agent for ME Tree Foundation), and Sherry Huber (ME Tree Foundation).

7:03 pm-- Chairman Neilson called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was a hearing on the Conditional Use Permit Application which had been submitted by Mr. Witham on behalf of the ME Tree Foundation for a nature education area under Section 3.22, Public and Private Parks and Recreational Areas, of the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance. The application was found to be complete. Roger moved to accept the application as submitted, Don seconded, and all voted in favor. Mr. Witham proceeded to give the group a recap of the intended use of the proposed facilities to be constructed at the Holt Research Forest property on Old Stage Road, which includes a parking area, an education/shelter pavilion, as well as access trails, all to be used for educational purposes. A very lengthy discussion ensued with many questions asked & answered. The Board finally agreed that the application was in compliance with the requirements of the town ordinances after the applicant stipulated that its use of the facility would not exceed that described in the "letter of intended use" included with the application. It was also agreed to attach the applicants "letter of intended use" to the permit itself as a means of documenting the limited use that the permit will allow.

The provisions of 4.2.3 were then reviewed by the board.

Will not result in unsafe or unhealthy conditions. All agreed.

Will not result in erosion or sedimentation.

The board agreed to add language to the permit, "At all times, during and after construction, provision shall be made to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation of surface waters".

Will not result in water pollution. All agreed.

Will not result in damage to spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird and other wildlife habitat. All agreed.

Will conserve shoreland vegetation. All agreed.

Will conserve the visual points of access to waters as viewed from public facilities. All agreed.

Will conserve actual points of public access to water. All agreed.

Will conserve natural beauty. All agreed.

Will avoid problems associated with flood plain development and use. All

Agreed.

Chairman Neilson asked for a motion to grant the permit with the applicant's stipulations. Roger so moved, Don seconded, and all voted in favor. Planning Board Warrant Article-- Discussion was had about definitions in the Zoning Ordinance, specifically the deletion of "Frontage, Shore" and "Frontage, Road", to be replaced by "Shore Frontage" and "Road Frontage" definitions respectively. Chairman Neilson asked for a motion to accept the rewritten Warrant Article. Roger so moved, Don seconded, and all voted in favor.

Planning Board Report-- The preliminary report was reviewed, and will be adjusted slightly before being submitted to the Selectmen for inclusion in the 2016 Town Report.

Planning Board Budget Request-- The preliminary request was discussed and adjusted before being accepted for submission to the Selectmen for approval.

Chairman Neilson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roger so moved, Jennifer seconded, and all voted in favor.

9:15 pm the meeting was adjourned.

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