

Board Present: Bill Rescsanski, Alissa Bascom, Keith Weed, Stacy Hassett, Richard Carter

Board Absent: Alan Putnam, Patty Chaffee

Alternate: Lenny Ostasiewski

Alissa Bascom called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of minutes of 10/03/2023:

The Board tabled discussion of the minutes to the next meeting.

Applications:

None at this time.

New Business:

None at this time.

Administration:

None at this time.

Continued Business:

a) Sign Ordinance

Ms. Emerson explained that one of the largest changes proposed is the Purpose section. She reviewed ordinances from other towns to find items to include. The first line is suggested to read, "In no event shall consideration for approval be based upon the message content of the sign." Ms. Bascom asked about adding in the RSA that is associated with that line item. Ms. Emerson agreed.

Ms. Emerson reviewed other proposed changes.

There was a discussion regarding how long certain types of signs can be posted. Ms. Emerson explained that the Town cannot touch political signs. These types of signs can be up as early as the end of the last election and, if the person wins, for their entire term. If the person does not win, the sign must be taken down within two weeks. This is largely taken care of by the Attorney General's Office.

Ms. Emerson explained that there is a bit of authority within the ordinance regarding anything the Board deems as unsafe or traffic/directional signs that could be confusing. There is also language regarding keeping signs well-maintained and not neglected.

The Board discussed including language that signs can be used to attract attention, instead of advertising only.

The first public hearing for these changes will be scheduled on December 19, 2023. A second public hearing could be held on January 16, 2024.

Communications: None at this time.

b) Board – Master Plan Discussion

c) Public Participation:

Motion by Mr. Ostasiewski to adjourn at 7:25pm, seconded by Mr. Carter.
5-0-0, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristan Patenaude
Recording Secretary