Town of Winchester Planning Board Minutes 6-20-22

Meeting opened: 7pm.

Members present: Dean Beaman (Chair), Jordan Sharra (V. Chair), Kathryn Scoville, Rich Pratt & Colby Ebbighausen. Robert Browne is an alternate present. Jenny Rhodes and Herb Stephens were absent.

Margaret Sharra is the LUA.

Public: Craig Lapoint.

First order of business: The Chairman sits R. Browne as an acting member. The board reviews the minutes of 5-16-22 for approval. **J. Sharra moves to approve, C. Ebbighausen seconds. The vote is 6 yes.**

Second order of business: Other. Craig Lapoint of Rabbit Hollow Road is here to inform the board that the Whippies are still operating a campground illegally. The board acknowledges his complaint but explains they are not enforcers. They confirm he has already met with the Selectmen. The LUA has issued another cease & desist with fines and she explains the process of enforcement. The board thanks him for coming.

Third order of business: The Chairman and LUA have continued their work on housing from last year. The state has a big housing shortage. They have submitted to the board for review a draft Winchester Cottage Housing Ordinance. They ask the members to review it. This is still smaller housing with higher density, limited bedrooms and units to be built in a year. It is designed for middle income. The changes proposed to the PRD last year only failed by 50 votes. They think it had to do with the wording of the changes created confusion. This should be clearer. Many people have expressed their needs for workforce housing. R. Pratt questions the need for more housing.

Next meeting July 18th, 7pm.

Meeting adjourned, moved by J. Sharra, seconded by C. Ebbighausen, all voted yes. 7:40pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Margaret Sharra, LUA

Minutes approved by the board on:

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Dean Beaman, Chairman