

Hartford Planning Board

Meeting Minutes: April 7, 2014

Present: Arthur Harvey (Chair), Jim Driscoll (Vice-Chair), Laurie Babineau (Secretary), Peggy Matthews, Morrill Nason (Alternate)

Meeting Convened: 7:05pm

Meeting Minutes for March approved.

Old Business:

Item One:

- Shore Land Application: Christopher Cooper, Map R11 / Lot 34.1, Canton Lake, 808 Church St.
Site visit confirms all is within the shore land zoning specifications and the RV spaces are well beyond the shore land zone and do not involve the planning board.

New Business

A copy of "Warrant Article" for the town of Hebron has been presented to the Planning Board for consideration of adopting changes to the Shore Land Zoning Timber Harvesting Regulations.

The state allows harvesting of 40 percent. The town of Hartford ordinance is 30 percent and approval by the Planning Board is required to go above said 30 percent.

Consideration to remove item 3-B, Pg. 26 of the Shore Land Zoning book, stating the 30%. Not all board members agree and further discussion took place. Would the percent of timber harvesting stay in control of the Planning Board or passed on to the state or the town CEO?

The board majority feels we would like to investigate the application process of the state of Maine, instead of removing the ordinance completely. So a revision to ordinance 3-B. The board would like to keep timber harvesting at 30% unless harvesting up to 40% is for the good of the land/forest in terms of trees damaged by weather or disease.

The planning Board will review this issue and Morrill Nason will contact the State Forestry Service. Arthur Harvey will contact MMA if necessary for clarity on the subject.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm

Agenda: May 5, 2014

- Review any new information and process to make changes to the ordinance concerning topic stated above.