

Starks Planning Board Meeting
May 5, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Present: Gwen Hilton, Ken Lust, Claire Nelson, John Newsom, Eric Hoar, Joe Hartigan

Guest: Joe Hayden

Adequate public notice was given of the meeting, a quorum was present and no conflicts of interest or bias were reported.

Old Business: Motion made and carried to approve the minutes of April 7, 2021 meeting
Motion made and carried to approve the minutes of April 16, 2021 meeting (Gwen abstained)

New Business:

Scheduled events at Harry Brown's Hill

Carol Coles sent a letter to the Board expressing concern for events scheduled for Abijah Hill over the upcoming months and requesting to be put on this evening's agenda. Although Carol did not show, the Board did review the Mass Gathering Ordinance to help clarify its responsibilities. If the organizers stay under the 250 attendee threshold, the MGO is not triggered. Any violation of that limit or other provisions of the Ordinance becomes an enforcement issue for the Selectmen.

Review current Building Ordinance

The Board reviewed a sample documents from the town of Thorndike including a Building Permit Application, a Permit Process Summary sheet and a Land Use Ordinance. While some of their forms might be transferable to the Town of Starks, other aspects are not applicable. Ultimately the Board decided to invite the town's Code Enforcement Officer as well as Earl Sterry (a local builder) to our next meeting to discuss the existing Ordinance and help inform any changes that might need to be addressed.

Motion to adjourn: 8:25

Respectfully submitted.

Claire Nelson, Secretary