

Glastenbury Planning/Zoning Board Minutes *DRAFT*

April 26, 2021

Attending: Board Members Cinda Morse, Chair; Michael White; Jerry Mattison, and Mike Gardner. Also attending ZA BCRC Catherine Bryars and Rickey Harrington Glastenbury Supervisor; and the following members of the public: Travis Buttle.

This Zoom meeting was called to order by Chair Cinda Morse at 7:00pm.

The agenda was reviewed with no changes. No board member had a conflict with anything on this agenda.

Minutes of November 12, 2020 – Clarified Minutes of the Gallagher Appeal Hearing were unanimously accepted as presented with a motion by Jerry Mattison and a second by Mike Gardner.

Minutes of March 22, 2021 – in a motion made by Mike G. and seconded by Mike W. the minutes of March 22, 2021 were approved as presented.

Public Hearing on the Zoning Bylaw Update: The public hearing was opened at 7:04. ZA Catherine Bryars noted changes including clarifying and simplifying language, addressing statutory requirements, updating terminology, and technical changes. A new section on special training events and more flexibility around granting waivers have been added.

Comments: It was noted with regret not complaint that Glastenbury is changing most clearly exemplified by the addition of the new section on special training events. Clarification on permit fees was provided. The board was thanked for its work.

The public Hearing was closed at 7:18. A unanimous motion to move the Bylaw as presented to the second public hearing was made by Mike W. and seconded by Jerry M. BCRC will hold the second public hearing at a special meeting in June 2021.

Update on the Gallagher Pond Issue: Cat is now being copied on communication between the Gallaghers and the state folks so can stay on top of developments. Josh Carvajal, River Management Engineer of Department of Environmental Conservation, made a site visit on March 26th. The berm has been removed and the footprint of the pond is where it should be. What still needs to happen is the replanting of the disturbed area near the stream. Jeff Crocker, Supervising River Ecologist with DEC, will visit before the feeder pipe is installed. Once all complete and the state signs off, we can issue a permit.

Public Comments (not related to Bylaw Hearing) –The Forest Service’s Early Succession Conservation Project’s timeline is up in the air based on concerns put forth by the Audubon Society. Nonetheless, bridge repair is needed. It was agreed that Rickey will forward contact information to Cinda and Cat so that follow-up can be coordinated.

Questions about openings on the PC/DRB board were answered. The current board has just been reappointed for a two-year term. Names of interested parties should go to Rickey as he appoints board members.

Town Plan Update: With the Zoning Bylaw moving to approval, it is now time to update the Town Plan starting at our next meeting May 24th at 7:00. All should read the plan to be prepared for general discussion. Cat will give an update on required changes needed including Forest Connectivity (for habitat) and the hazard mitigation plan. Additionally, there will be discussion of parking, forest accessibility, and snowmobiles on public road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm in motion made by Jerry M. seconded by Mike G.

Respectfully submitted, Cinda Morse Chair