

Glastenbury Planning/Zoning Board Minutes *DRAFT*

May 24, 2021

Attending: Board Members Cinda Morse, Chair; Michael White, and Jerry Mattison. Also attending ZA BCRC Catherine Bryars and Rickey Harrington Glastenbury Supervisor; Martina Barnes District Ranger and the following members of the public: Tom Gallagher. Absent Mike Gardner

This Zoom meeting was called to order by Chair Cinda Morse at 7:03pm. The agenda was reviewed with no changes although the order was altered to accommodate those present. No board member had a conflict with anything on this agenda.

Minutes of April 26, 2021: The minutes were edited to correct spelling and title of Josh Carvajal of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation then adopted in a motion made by Mike W. and seconded by Jerry M.

BCRC Public Hearing on the Zoning Bylaw: BCRC's public hearing on the Zoning Bylaw is tentatively set for June 17th. ZA Catherine Bryars will verify with Jim Sullivan and let the board know.

Fayville Trail Bridge: District Ranger Martina Barnes joined us for a discussion. It was acknowledged and agreed that the bridge is a thorny issue. Glastenbury owns the bridge but it was constructed by a private property owner so not in compliance with state standards. The deck has holes and needs replacing. The Forest Service has a very limited budget to help with repairs but the priority is where there are current logging operations and to some degree recreation. Technical support for grants is available. Next steps: Determine rough costs for bridge replacement. (pedestrian bridge would be approximately 1000/foot), determine grant availability, plan for local match and partners (eg snowmobile group). Martina, Cat, Rickey, and Cinda will talk further and report back at next meeting. Depending on timing, the bridge plan could be part of the new Town Plan Action Plan section.

Update on the Gallagher Pond Issue: Tom Gallagher reported that Contractor Pete Woodard will return very soon to install pond lining and water line. Plants have been ordered for replanting of disturbed area near stream. Jeff Crocker will visit once done and if approved, water can be drawn and a permit issued. Meanwhile, the Gallaghers have submitted an application for the addition of a gazebo as an accessory use. Because this is allowed, ZA Cat can approve. It was noted that copies of the Town Plan and proposed Zoning Bylaw are on the BCRC Website under Glastenbury.

Public Comments: Bears are out and using the public road!

Town Plan Update: ZA Cat proposed a 6-month timeline for updating the Town Plan and preparing for public hearings. While the plan was scheduled to expire November 2020, we have the length of the state's Emergency Declaration (estimated at 15 months) after that date to complete the update and have continuous coverage. The proposed timeline should work for us.

The Town Plan needs some sections added and updated to be in statutory compliance including sections on Forest Connectivity, New and updated Maps, Energy Act 174 updates, and Hazard

Mitigation updates. With the effective duration of Town Plans being extended from 5 years to 8 years, all plans should have an Action Plan section to ensure that goals are met over the life of the plan. Issues noted that might well be appropriate to add to this section include the Fayville Bridge and parking for public access to recreation.

ATV/Snowmobile Use of Public Road: While agreed that this is illegal, there was a lot of this traffic on the road this past winter. Enforcement of law may help. Residents are encouraged to call state police when problem occurs. Glastenbury might want to consider spot enforcement by sherrifs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm in motion made by Jerry M. seconded by Mike W.
Respectfully submitted, Cinda Morse Chair