

TOWN OF DEERING *Planning Board* 762 Deering Center Road Deering, NH 03244

TOWN OF DEERING PLANNING BOARD

APPROVED Minutes May 10, 2023

Members present: Katherine Jenkins; Tim Maskiell; Sharon Simpson; Steve Diers, Selectboard member

Public present: Oliver Raoust; Tom Walters; Matt Monahan, CNHRPC

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm

New Business

 Map 228, Lot 59 – Oliver and Donna Raoust: building a deck on the 3rd floor of an existing structure

Mr Raoust presented the plan. Discussion of the definition of 'structure' and 'existing nonconforming use' as per the Town of Deering's zoning ordinance. Discussion of the existing footprint and 'french drains'.

Ms Jenkins opened the discussion of the Planning Board. The board decided they could not accept the application as complete because there was not a DES permit presented. Mr Raoust stated that the DES told him that a permit was not needed because the deck did not extend 12' out from the building. The DES did not provide him with information stating this. He will contact the DES for the information. Matt Monahan, CNHRPC, will follow up with the DES. The application was put on the Agenda for June 14th.

Mr Raoust and the Planning Board engaged in a conceptual discussion of future plans of replacing an existing shed with a garage on this same property.

Old Business

- No April meeting minutes to approve because a meeting had not been held
- Discussion of scheduled meetings

Public Address

- White Gate Road Tom Walters Conceptual review of new garage
- Tom Walters added to the Agenda for June 14th

Other Business

- Voting in for new chair and vice-chair Ms Simpson nominated Katherine Jenkins for the new chair; Mr Maskiell seconded; vote was unanimous. Ms Simpson nominated Oliver Raoust as vice-chair; Mr Maskiell seconded; vote was unanimous
- Discussion of inviting others to become board members
- Matt discussed agendas, supporting the board by Zoom meetings when he could not support them in person, and addressed the previously started zoning update that would require public discussion and review by the town's attorney
- Ms Jenkins read a letter sent to the Planning Board by the town's administrator about ARPA funds, and if the board needed anything the funds could provide. Discussion about if a laptop that was able to assist in Zoom meetings was a possibility. Mr Diers will investigate.
- Matt Monahan, CNHRPC, brought up the possibility of grant money for economic development that may be available. Subjects of interest to the board were for high-speed internet availability in rural areas and a safety complex
- Ms Jenkins distributed copies of the Bylaws & Rules of Procedure for the Deering Planning Board

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Simpson