

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

March 15, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Council Room, Municipal Building

PRESENT:

Todd Smith, Vice Chairman
Steve Conley, Secretary
Stephen Gould
Chris Kruse
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Ned Goff, Chairman
Harvey Austin
Chris Huck, Planner

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Randall Gray, Code Enforcement Officer

1) QUORUM:

Planning Board Meeting called to order at 7:00P.M. Quorum was present.

2) MINUTES OF THE January 5, 2016 PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS TO BE APPROVED:

Motion by Steve Conley to approve the January 5, 2016 Planning Board meeting minutes, as written. Seconded by Chris Kruse, Motion passed 3-0.

3) SITE PLAN

None

4) ITEMS BY THE PUBLIC:

None

5) COMMUNICATIONS:

None

6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

7) NEW BUSINESS:

A) Discussion of the Town Planner's contract.

Randy Gray explained that the contract for Chris Huck is going to be changing as far as his rate per hour. We currently pay \$67.00 per hour for his services and it will be going up to \$90.00 per hour. Randy said that there is the option of making Joel Greenwood our primary planner and then have Chris Huck as our back-up planner if needed. Joel's rate of pay in the new contract is \$60.00 per hour. Randy said he has talked with Chris Huck about this option and he fine with whatever they decide. Randy said something they need to consider is that Chris is getting closer to retiring and he himself only has a few more years to go before

retiring. It might be a good time to bring Joel onboard now while Chris and himself are still around to help train him and get him used to the way the Planning Board does things. Steve Conley asked if Joel had ever been here before. Randy said he has and he also worked with him on our Shoreland Zoning Ordinance changes a few years ago. Todd Smith asked if Joel works with other towns currently. Randy said he does and he has worked with him several times in the town of Canaan. Todd also asked if this is an annual contract that they will have to review every year. Randy said it is an annual contract but they have always had Chris and not had such an increase in rates before. Chris Kruse said based on the upcoming budget season he thinks this would be a wise move to make in having Joel as our primary planner.

Motion by Chris Kruse to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen of making Joel Greenwood the town's primary planner. Seconded by Steve Conley. Motion passed 3-0.

Steve Conley also mentioned doing a letter to Chris Huck thanking him for his years of service. Randy said they can put something together for them to sign. Stephen Gould asked if Chris Huck will be with us until July 1, 2016. Randy said yes.

8) ITEMS BY:

a) SELECTMEN:

None

b) DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Randy said he has had some preliminary discussions with some people possibly looking to do a 5 unit apartment building in town. He will keep them posted on that.

c) MEMBERS:

Stephen Gould asked what the Selectmen decided on the Controlled Substance Ordinance that they presented to them. Cindy said that everything was approved and it will move onto a town meeting vote.

d) CHAIRMAN:

e) STAFF:

9) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Steve Conley to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., Seconded by Chris Kruse. Motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved on May 3, 2016.

Chairman

