

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN  
PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**  
May 17, 2022  
6:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building, Council Room

**PRESENT:**

Steve Conley, Chairman  
Stephen Gould, Secretary  
Matt Smith  
Derek Chretien  
Dan Luce, Alternate  
Jessica Cobb, Planner  
Cara Mason, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT:** Harvey Austin, Jeff McCabe

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Bryan Belliveau, CEO  
Kate Drummond

**1) QUORUM:**

Planning Board Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. Quorum was present.

**2) MINUTES OF THE May 3, 2022 PLANNING BOARD MEETING TO BE APPROVED:**

Motion by Stephen Gould to approve the May 3, 2022 Planning Board meeting minutes, as written. Seconded by Matt Smith. Motion passed 5-0.

**3) SITE PLAN / SUBDIVISION:**

None

**4) ITEMS BY THE PUBLIC:**

None

**5) COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**6) NEW BUSINESS:**

**A) Discussion and decision on the Shoreland Zoning Permit application submitted by William Dunlap for the property located at 55 Bigelow Hill Rd. (Assessor's Map 8, Lot 21-3).**

Bryan said that he has gone out to this site to take a look at the issue. Mr. Dunlap also submitted a lot of photos for them to review. Bryan said that there is a lot of erosion due to the beaver damns which needs to be fixed. Mr. Dunlap is proposing to remove the existing bridge and rebuild a more modern bridge which can withstand the erosion conditions. Steve Conley asked if there is any reason not to approve this application. Bryan said no.

Mr. Dunlap will actually be making a much-needed improvement to this site. Stephen Gould said the proposed design is a very good one and should last a long time.

Motion by Stephen Gould to approve the Shoreland Zoning application submitted by William Dunlap for 55 Bigelow Hill Rd. Seconded by Dan Luce. Motion passed 5-0.

**7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**8) COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:**

**A) Review draft of the Water Resources chapter.**

Jessica Cobb from KVCOG said that she is sitting for Joel tonight and said that this is the first draft of this chapter and definitely is a work in progress. She said she has been in touch with the Conservation Commission and they passed along a lot of great information regarding the Whitten Brook area. She said she would like to have everyone take some time to review this section and if there are any suggestions or changes that need to be done to please reach out to her. Jessica said she is hoping to have this finished up by next week.

Stephen Gould asked if they are going to have any discussions about possible rezoning in any of the Shoreland zones. Jessica said she thinks a lot of that is covered under the Shoreland Zoning ordinance but she can check with Joel about putting anything in the Comprehensive Plan.

Bryan asked if we could put some more information in regarding the drainage for each divide along the Kennebec River. Jessica said she will work on that.

Derek Chretien asked about the grants mentioned on page 4 for the work on Whitten Brook. He asked if they aren't able to get the grants then where is the money going to come from.

Kate Drummond from the Conservation Commission stated that if they did not get those grants then the project would be put on hold until they do.

Steve Conley asked that everyone review this in more detail for the next meeting.

**9) ITEMS BY:**

• **SELECTMEN:**

• **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

• **MEMBERS:**

Stephen Gould mentioned the new laws that the government is looking to pass and suggested that everyone keep a close eye on what is going on.

• **CHAIRMAN:**

• **STAFF:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Derek Chretien to adjourn at 6:28 p.m., Seconded by Matt Smith.

Motion passed 5-0.

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**Chairman**

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