

WISCASSET PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Present: Al Cohen, Tony Gatti, Jackie Lowell, Peter McRae, Lester Morse, Karl Olson, Deb Pooler and Chairman Ray Soule

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ray Soule called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2014

Karl Olson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vote 6-0-2 (McRae and Pooler abstained).

3. Reconsideration of Site Plan Review application of Al Cohen for addition to storage building, 2 JB's Way, Map 17, Lot 008

Al Cohen and Karl Olson recused themselves. The application had been remanded by the Appeals Board to the Planning Board. Town Attorney Mary Costigan summarized her memo to the board and what she understood took place at the Appeals Board meeting. She said the appellants claimed that the Planning Board should not have approved the permit because it was not in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association rules. The NFPA rules are not within the Planning Board's jurisdiction. The second issue was a conflict of interest because the applicant was also a member of the Planning Board. Costigan said that the applicant had recused himself from voting on the matter and could not be prohibited from applying for a permit from the Planning Board. For the record, the board members were polled and stated unanimously that the applicant did not attempt to influence the board's decision to approve the application.

Tony Gatti moved to approve the application. Vote 6-0-2 (Cohen and Olson abstained).

The Bryants, who brought the appeal, were not present.

4. Other Business

Ray Soule reported that Jamel Martin Torres had been hired as the town planner as of December 8.

5. Adjournment

Al Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.