

WISCASSET PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES, JUNE 27, 2011

Present: Al Cohen, Tony Gatti, Chairman Steve House, Jackie Lowell, Karl Olson, Deb Pooler and Ray Soule

Absent: Peter McRae and Lester Morse

1. Call to Order

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Election of Officers

Ray Soule nominated Steve House as chairman. Vote 5-0-1

Al Cohen nominated Jackie Lowell as secretary. Vote 5-0-1

3. Consideration of May 23, 2011 minutes

Ray Soule moved to accept the minutes of May 23. Vote 4-0-2

4. Other Business

The chairman read a note of thanks from Jeffrey Hinderliter.

The appointment of a Planning Board member to the Ordinance Review Committee was postponed until the full board was present.

Karl Olson reported the ORC was currently working on a new subdivision ordinance and he asked the board's opinion on two items. 1) Should all subdivision roads be required to meet town specifications or could a road that was never going to be submitted to the town for acceptance be required to meet less strict specs? 2) Should sidewalks be required in all major subdivisions and connected to a municipal sidewalk if within 500 feet of that sidewalk? There was a consensus of the board that there could be two standards for roads, one for roads that would meet the specifications for acceptance by the town and another in the event that the developer did not anticipate the road ever being accepted by the town. There was also a consensus that sidewalks not be required in subdivisions but if they were built they should connect with a municipal sidewalk if within 500 feet of the municipal sidewalk.

5. Adjourn

Al Cohen moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.