

TOWN OF GRAFTON PLANNING BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes and Public Hearing
September 19, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Member Martha Goss - P

Member Owen Grandjean - P

Chairman Tom Withcuskey - P

Member Art Surprise - P

Member Jim Goyer - P

Public Hearing:

6:50pm – Bill Hammersmith – Lot line adjustment / sub-division. Public hearing closed by Chairman Withcuskey. No significant environment impact, seconded by Member Goss, 5/0. Motion to approve the lot line adjustment for Bill Hammersmith, seconded by Member Grandjean, 5/0.

Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the August 16, 2022 minutes – Chairman Withcuskey, seconded by Member Goss. 5/0.

Old Business:

Bill Hammersmith – Chairman Withcuskey made a motion to declare a negative IS. No significant environment impact, seconded by Member Goss, 5/0. Motion to approve the lot line adjustment for Bill Hammersmith, seconded by Member Grandjean, 5/0.

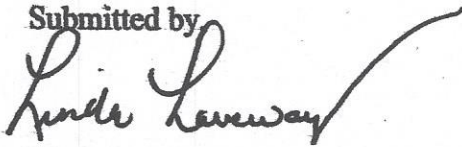
RPA: Mr. Dixon spoke. Planning Board to take over as lead agency. Viewed as low impact, used for primarily recreation. Seeker is now complete. Chairman Withcuskey made a motion to declare a negative dec. on the seeker for the RPA, seconded by Member Grandjean. 3/2. Member Surprise – No, Member Goyer – No. No significant or adverse environmental impact. *Motion by Chairman Withcuskey to go into Executive Session, seconded by Member Grandjean 5/0 at 7:15. Meeting Resumed: Mr. Dixon spoke on behalf of the board. Executive Session closed – 7:35. Motion to close executive session made by Chairman Withcuskey for possible litigation, seconded by Member Grandjean, 5/0. The Board is requesting more info on the survey; they asked to table until next month. Chairman Withcuskey is asking the time line on the survey. RPA is requesting one year to complete survey. The board questioned the building that was already put on the site. RPA is asking to continue with property improvements. Member Goyer voiced that the survey has been requested for 10 months. RPA is agreeing to provide survey. Mr. Dixon questioned the need to take 10 months for survey. RPA feel things may not go right due to winter, said they would make phone calls as early as tomorrow. They can provide an agreement within 30 days of survey contract. *Chairman Withcuskey made a motion to return to Executive Session at 7:45pm. Motion made to close executive session at 8:00pm, seconded by Member Goyer 5/0. Mr. Dixon**

explained the board requests. No amplified music, no sales, Foster Rd access be used only for special events. Will not be an open access, open during daylight hours, camping shall not be allowed, emergency contacts provided to town, DEC instructions followed, toilets must go through Rensselaer County with approvals provided to the Town, per DEC guidance will protect habitat. The applicant has been asked to provide a contract by a licensed survey within 30 days, the survey to be completed within six months. Applicant will be allowed to conduct work. Applicant is not to attract the public until the survey is complete. RPA is concerned about the survey timing. Chairman Withcuskey has asked that the survey reach out to the board if issues arise, it will be taken into consideration. The Board feels six months is ample time. All issues will be reviewed by Board. RPA asked to revisit the camping, RPA as property owner is asking to stay overnight. Chairman Withcuskey has asked to be notified. Chairman Withcuskey made motion to approve as read conditions be approved, seconded by Member Grandjean, 5/0 approved.

Chairman Withcuskey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Surprise, 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Laveway". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Linda Laveway
Planning Board Secretary