

A regular meeting of the Bath Planning Board was called on 2-17-04 for the purpose of conducting regular business.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Oxtan, Chair
Jim Harper, Vice Chair
Robin Haynes
Richard Klingaman
Gordon Reed

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marjorie Hawkes
James Hopkinson

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Upham, Planning Director
Marsha Hinton, Recording Secretary

Bob Oxtan, Chair, called the meeting to order in the third floor Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2004.

Minutes of February 3, 2004, meeting

GORDON REED MOVED, SECONDED BY RICHARD KLINGAMAN TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2003, MEETING AS SUBMITTED.

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No old business.

New Business:**Item 1**

Request for Subdivision Approval – Meadow View Subdivision, 3-lot Subdivision, Ridge Road (Map 16, Lot 18, Map 9, Lot 14 and Map 9, Lot 9) James Taggart and Jeff Harris, applicants.

Jim Upham, City Planner, pointed out that a new plan which was delivered to the Planning Office late Friday afternoon has been provided to the Planning Board for this subdivision request.

Bruce Martinson, Dirigo Land Surveyors representing the applicants, pointed out that in light of comments made by City Staff a new lot has been proposed to accommodate access and therefore a new plan showing this lot. Mr. Martinson explained that this lot is not suitable for building a residence, but has use and therefore needs to have access.

The Planning Board held discussion on the need for access to this lot, recent roadway access requests to come before the Planning Board, suitability for subsurface septic

systems, potential for development of lot four, use of the site, zone changes, grading, slopes and soil erosion.

GORDON REED MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE THE REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL FOR MEADOW VIEW SUBDIVISION FOR A THREE LOT SUBDIVISION ON RIDGE ROAD (MAP 16, LOT 18, MAP 9, LOT 14 AND MAP 9, LOT 9) JAMES TAGGERT AND JEFF HARRIS, APPLICANTS, UNTIL THE IDENTIFIED ISSUES WITH REGARD TO SUITABILITY FOR SUBSURFACE SEPTIC SYSTEMS, POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LOT FOUR, USE OF THE SITE, ZONE CHANGES, GRADING, SLOPES AND SOIL EROSION CAN BE APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED AND REVIEWED.

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Other Business:

Robin Haynes shared with the Planning Board the significance of the Trufant Historic District and the role that the Register of Historic Places plays as a planning tool. Ms. Haynes highlighted the move from farmland to the neighborhood in the area of Pine, Highland, Corliss and Middle Streets. Ms. Haynes touched briefly on the types of homes constructed and the shipbuilders, trades people, school teachers, soldiers, and generations of families that have populated this area and whose stories have added to the rich history of the City of Bath.

Jim Upham, City Planner, expressed his appreciation for the good work that Sagadahoc Preservation Inc., its volunteers and consultants do for the City of Bath.

Bob Oxtan, Chair, also added his appreciation stating that the assistance Sagadahoc Preservation Inc. provides to the Planning Board has proven to be invaluable.

Robin Haynes asked the Planning Board for their thoughts on providing a letter support to Tom Hoerth, City Arborist, who is requesting a Community Assistance Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, The Forest Service and the North East State Foresters Association in the amount of \$10,000.00. This is for a sustainable process that would enable the production of sculptured benches for public spaces made from city trees harvested to maintain a healthy forest. The trees harvested would be replaced with seedlings. The grant would be to purchase a forwarding arch and portable sawmill. Ms. Haynes added that she felt this fulfills a number of goals outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

Bob Oxtan, Chair, polled the Planning Board and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of support for this Community Assistance Grant would be drafted by Robin Haynes and forwarded to Bob Oxtan for his signature.

Jim Upham, City Planner, updated the Planning Board on the status of the Route One study.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **ROBIN HAYNES MOVED, SECONDED BY GORDON REED, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Marsha Hinton, Recording Secretary