

February 16, 2015

Town of Woodford  
Planning Commission

Present: Ed Shea, Susan Wright, John Dovitski, Betty Charette, and  
Jim Henerdson

Absent: Chuck Suss

Attendees: Derek Carson (Bennington Banner)

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Other Business

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

Ed made the motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015; John 2nd;  
all in favor: yes.

Jim Henderson spoke about “Flood Resiliency” and the newest FEMA  
maps.

Jim expressed that it was necessary to adopt a plan by late fall/winter of  
2015.

Jim stated that when the FEMA maps and “Flood Resiliency” regulations  
are adopted, the state assistance increases. He also noted that when they  
are adopted that anyone was able to enter into the “National Flood  
Insurance Program” (NFIP).

Jim informed the board that it was in Woodford’s best interest to implement  
the “town and bridge standards” which are current with 2014-2016 VTrans  
Orange Book: Handbook for Local Officials.

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Jim also informed the board that it is no longer mandatory that the “chair” of the Select Board be the towns’ “Local Emergency Operations Plan” manager. (LEOP) Anyone may now be appointed to the position. He stated that Allison, from the state, was interested in speaking with the Select Board about the matter.

Jim and Ed both agreed that it would be in the town’s interest to have someone from the state come and speak about the “culvert and bridge standards”.

There was discussion about reviewing the Woodford’s current bylaws for “new construction”, under the new FEMA regulations.

Betty asked if the “Burgess Rd.” was included on the maps and was told that it was, but it was not readily available.

Susan asked if a disaster struck and a home was lost, would it be covered under the “buy-out” program and the answer was no.

Jim expressed that he would like to discuss the “Flood Resiliency” element and the “Economic Development” demographic data at the board’s next meeting. He noted that the “Town Plan” needed to be updated with this information.

Jim informed the board that the options that Woodford would be looking at were:

1. Keep things as they are currently.
2. Adopt the Vermont Flood Hazard Regulation, Model 4.
3. Adopt the Vermont Flood Hazard Regulation, Model 5.

The board will consider all options before the next meeting.

Discussion followed expressing concern for “public input” and it was suggested that it may be a good idea to mail information about the pending decision making.

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Susan made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm; Ed 2nd; all in favor: yes.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2015.

February 16, 2015

Town of Woodford  
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Present: Ed Shea, Susan Wright, John Dovitski, and Betty Charette

Absent: Chuck Suss

Attendees: None

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Other Business

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

John made the motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015; Betty 2nd; all in favor: yes.

There was no business.

Susan made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm; John 2nd; all in favor: yes.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2015.