

May 14, 2018

Town of Woodford

Planning Commission

Present: Ed Shea, John Dovitski, Chuck Suss, Betty Charette

Absent: Susan Wright

Public: None

Ed opened the meeting at 5:20 pm.

The Board reviewed the previous minutes and Ed made the motion to approve the minutes as written, Betty 2<sup>nd</sup>; All in favor: four (4) and one (1) absent.

Ed informed the Board that Jim Sullivan was still working on the Bylaws and would be in touch with the Board soon.

Ed suggested that it may be time for the Board to consider updating their Town Plan. He noted that there had been bear and fox sightings in the area and that as a Board, it might want to consider the wildlife in the Town Plan.....Chuck was in full agreement. The Board discussed that wildlife is an asset to its citizens and tourists.

In discussing the bear population, Ed noted that a study was being done on the bear population in the area in relationship to the windmills in Searsburg.

Ed noted that two (2) families of foxes were residing in the area.....one being under the stairs to the Church at the top of Woodford Mountain and one on Erbs Way.

Ed also noted that there have been otter sightings as well.

Betty stated that there was a sighting of a Fisher and a bear with a cub in the Woodford Hollow area.

The Board discussed the time of its regularly scheduled meetings and they decided that they will keep the time of the meetings at 5 pm for the foreseeable future.

Betty informed the Board that the Parcel Mapping project was coming along quickly. The property identification numbers and their SPAN numbers were matched properly and the names would soon be imported through the Grand list. (The Parcel Mapping is being done without cost to the town of Woodford.)

There being no further business, Ed made the motion to adjourn, John 2<sup>nd</sup>; All in favor: four (4) and one (1) absent.

The Board adjourned at 5:45 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 5 pm.

Acting Secretary,

Betty Charette