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Effingham Planning Board December 20, 2018

Members Present: Mike Cahalane, Theresa Swanick, Grace Fuller, Elaine Chick, Paul Potter

Members Absent: Gary Jewell, George Bull

Others Present: Dianne Park, Rebecca Boyden, Nate Fogg

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm, once a quorum was seated.

Old Business - Rules of Procedure

The Chair noted that this was the first read-through of the proposed Planning Board Rules of Procedure (ROP). The chair proceeded to read the ROP in their entirety, because the non-color copies made it difficult to determine the sections that had been changed. The planning board made changes on pages 2, 3, 5, & 6. The changes were for grammatical errors and clarification.

The changes will be made and distributed for review prior to the next meeting where another attempt at the first (of 2) readings of the proposed changes will take place.

New Business – Proposed Zoning Amendments 2019

A Draft of the Proposed Zoning Amendments 2019 dated 12.20.18 was reviewed.

(Article 1 is the election of town officials.)

Article 2 is a petitioned warrant article is proposed to repeal the existing zoning ordinance in its entirety. Several pages containing signatures were received with more than the required 25 registered voter signatures being verified.

Article 3 is a proposed warrant article to change the definition of Recreational Vehicles (RV) in Section 302 of the zoning ordinance.

The article adds a definition for Park Model RV or (PMRV). This will ensure that these types of units are allowed in campgrounds and other areas where RVs are permitted.

Discussion included sizes of the different RV units, which are generally regulated by maximum, over the road limits or other criteria. The board changed some wording for clarification and consistency between the types of RV units.

Article 4 is a proposed change to section 402, Lot Requirements. After some discussion over lot frontages, especially split lot frontages, the article was agreed to be tabled.

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Article 5 is a proposed change to Section 605 Motor Vehicle / RV / Trailer Storage. The change is to include RVs in the limits for storage and to change travel trailers to simply trailers. Travel trailers are covered by the addition of RVs to this section.

Article 6 is a proposed change to Section 1004 Aggregate Extraction. Notes that permits are issued per RSA 155:E and that they may also be regulated by Article 22 of the zoning ordinance relating to groundwater protection. It was questioned as to whether they needed to add language about bonding into the article, however it was pointed out that that is covered under RSA 155:E. It was also questioned as to whether to make note of Section 902 Noxious Use. After discussion it was noted that all sections of the zoning ordinance apply and not to mention Section 902 specifically.

Article 7 is a proposed change to Section 1008 Campground. The changes in section “F” are related to the proposed new definition of RV in the Section 302 Definition, of the zoning ordinance, which eliminates the need for certain types of units to be listed separately in this section.

Article 8 is a proposed change to Section 302 Definitions. “Solar Array” is a new definition and is defined and specifically noted to require a building permit and to meet zoning setbacks, unless the entirety of the array is under 4 square feet. Solar Arrays can be roof mounted or ground mounted.

Elaine Chick motioned to present proposed zoning articles 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8 as amended and to table article 4. Grace Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

The PB will schedule a public hearing for January 10th at 6:30pm. The date was moved back a week to allow time for review by town counsel before the public notice runs in the paper and is posted. A second public hearing will be posted for January 24th at 6:00pm to allow for any articles that may not be approved at the January 10th meeting. The CIP committee is scheduled to meet at 6:30 on January 24th. There will not be a planning board meeting on January 3rd.

Minutes

Minutes from Nov. 1, 2018 and Dec. 6, 2018 will be reviewed at the January 10, 2019 meeting.

Other Business

The deadline for the planning board’s Annual Report to be submitted is January 19th. Employee/Volunteer/Elected Official/Civic of the Year nominations are due January 11th.

Adjournment

Paul Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Grace Fuller. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.