

**Limington Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Limington Municipal Complex by Chair, Joyce Foley. Planning Board members present: Joyce Foley, Stanley Hackett, Tom Witkowski, and Pete Langevin

Staff present: Donna Sawyer, Secretary to the Planning Board

Others: Bonnie Lord Laughin

**Items for Discussion:**

1. Review 2 sections of the Limington Ordinance to determine if changes are needed.
2. Approve 7/4/17 minutes

Chair Foley opened the meeting and said that the Board will continue their review of the Limington Ordinance. The goal is to have the revised Ordinances ready for a vote at Limington's Town Meeting in March. She further stated that there will be a public hearing on the Ordinance changes on September 5<sup>th</sup>, if the Board finishes their review by August 15.

First section to review is the Land Use Table, page 52 in the draft Ordinance that the members were reviewing. She specifically referred to number 15, Home occupations. In the draft Ordinance, which the members are working from, the Code Enforcement Officer can approve a home occupation in the Rural Zone, Residential/Village District and Commercial. Joyce Foley suggested it be changed to Planning Board grants approval, not the Code Officer, in all zones.

The Shoreland Zoning Table will stay with the current Land Use Table.

Next, Foley moved to the 15% slope issue as shown on page 59 of the draft Ordinance.. Stanley Hackett told the members to refer to page 65 in the current Ordinance where it refers to 15% slope. After some discussion it was agreed to remove the 15% grade on page 59, paragraph 1. Tom Witkowski made a motion to remove paragraph 1 in our current Ordinance as it appears on page 65 pertaining to building on a 15% slope. Pete Langevin seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried. This means construction on a 15% slope can be done if the change is approved at a March Town Meeting.

Next, Joyce moved to the sign Ordinance and asked the members to refer to page 103 in the draft ordinance to 11.P Signs. Joyce asked Stanley Hackett to lead the discussion because he prepared the draft. Stanley and the other members agreed to remove 11.P.3.8

and 11.P.3.10 from his recommendations. (these are shown on page 106 of his revised sign ordinance.) Joyce said 11.P.4.B. will be kept.

Joyce said there will now be a 11.P.5 section that refers to all signs, not commercial zones only.

Next, the members discussed internally lit signs and with only white light. Lengthy discussion followed during which Fausto Blasco and Bonnie Lord Laughlin provided comments to have the members consider. Finally, Chair Foley asked the members if they wanted to keep the current ordinance regarding illuminating signs or would they like to do more investigating of what other towns use? It was finally decided to get sign language from Hollis and Freeport, Maine, Sign Ordinances to study and the Board will meet again on August 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss. It was decided to vote on the whole package of ordinance changes at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

At 8:47 p.m. Stanley Hackett made a motion to reconvene and Tom Witkowski seconded the motion. The members then reviewed in detail the meeting minutes of the July 4, 2017, meeting where a public hearing was held for the Mineral Extraction at 16 Mildred Lane. The **Minutes of 7/04/17 meeting** were accepted and the Secretary was instructed to prepare the Notice of Decision for the Mineral Extraction and transmit all of the approval material.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Donna Sawyer, secretary to the Board.