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Submitted By: Nat Strosberg, Town Planner

## **Ashland Planning Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 15, 2016**

**Board of Selectmen Members in Attendance: Yolanda Greaves, Carl Hakansson, Joe Magnani (Chair), Steven Mitchell, and Robert Scherer**

**Planning Board Members in Attendance: Dale Buchanan, Preston Crow (Chair), and Mike Mokey**

**Town Planner Nat Strosberg also in attendance.**

Mr. Crow called the meeting to order at 7:27PM.

### **Item #1: Joint Appointment of Mr. Joe Rubertone (BOS Meeting Room)**

Mr. Crow explained that there is a vacant seat on the Planning Board resulting from a recent resignation, and that it is now up to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to jointly appoint a successor to fill the seat through May of 2017, at which time there will be an election to fill the seat for the remainder of the term. Mr. Magnani asked why Mr. Rubertone is interested in the position. Mr. Rubertone explained that, per the information on his resume, his background is based in accounting, which involves a great deal of planning. Mr. Rubertone said that he is excited to be a part of a different type of planning process. He also mentioned that he wants to contribute to the betterment of the community. Ms. Greaves stated that she was happy to see a young person become involved with the community. Mr. Hakansson mentioned that serving on the Planning Board is quite time consuming and requires a great deal of study of the regulations, and that Mr. Rubertone should be prepared for this.

Mr. Crow stated that the Planning Board had already met and spoken with Mr. Rubertone, and that the appointment had been advertised by the Board and Mr. Rubertone was the only one to have expressed interest.

Motion made by Ms. Greaves to appoint Mr. Rubertone to the Planning Board for a term that will expire after the election in May of 2017. The motion was seconded by Rob Scherer. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Mr. Crow announced that the Planning Board would be deliberating upon the next item in the town hall basement.

## **Item #2: Inspectional Engineering Services (Room B&C)**

Mr. Strosberg explained that he had received a complaint that trees were being removed in a buffer zone within the Tydeman Road Extension project. More broadly, Mr. Strosberg also explained that work was now taking place on the project site and that an inspectional engineer should be present. Mr. Strosberg confirmed with the Board that the inspectional engineer has the authority to inspect anything on the project site related to all applicable rules, regulations, and agreements, regardless of whether or not the items being inspected are or are not located on property that is or will be public.

Motion made by Mr. Mokey to support Mr. Strosberg in having a third-party, inspectional engineer inspect the Tydeman Road Extension project site regarding all applicable rules, regulations, and agreements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buchanan. The motion passed 3-0.

## **Item #3: Adjournment**

Motion made by Mr. Buchanan to adjourn at 8:07PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mokey. The motion passed 3-0.