

ZONING BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

Members present: John Shaw, Steve Gagne via face time, Bill McCloud, Brigid O’Riordan, Pat Coffee.

Accepted minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting. It was noted that no formal vote was taken on Short Term Rental at last meeting. John S. noted that the committee will be taking formal recorded votes as we move thru the complete recommendations for the Planning Board.

John Shaw read the recommendations for changes to Table #1, from Pat Coffee. That started a long and important discussion on the definitions of Site plan review, and Site plan approval.

The committee is trying to make zoning proposals that do not overregulate building procedures, and place more emphasis on allowing the Building Commissioner, with the use of the “Zoning Determination Policy“, to determine what is needed for each project. There are projects that need more regulations than others and the committee is trying to find the correct definitions to allow boards and departments to do their jobs without unnecessary rules and confusion. The members will each work on looking at definitions that best describe what is needed for items in Table #1. This is a very important discussion due to the fact that Table #1, is one of the most used part of Zoning Bylaws.

There was a brief discussion about two family houses and accessory apartments. Are they really the same and should they be combined in Table #1.

The committee did not take up any other business.

Next meeting is June 24, 2020 at 6pm.

Recorder,
John Shaw