

TOWN OF BOWDOIN
Planning Board Minutes
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Members Present:

Michaeline Mulvey, Chair - M.
Lauren Leclerc -
Brad Totten -
Helen Watts -
Karen Marston -

Absent:

Dennis Douglas, Code Enforcement

Staff Present:

Marie Murray, Recording Secretary

Michaeline Mulvey, Chair, called the Bowdoin Planning Board meeting to order at 7:18 PM with Lauren Leclerc, Brad Totten, Helen Watts, and Karen Marston present. Marc Bartholomew was in the audience. The Secretary arrived late and set up the taping. The meeting was recorded as #30.

Business:

Map 8, Lot 29-04, Marc Bartholomew, owner

Mr. Bartholomew and his wife moved to Bowdoin a few years ago occupying and upgrading an unfinished structure over time. His mother has applied for senior housing and needs temporary housing while waiting for an opening.

Mr. Bartholomew had inquired earlier about building codes for constructing a shed. This subsequently became a need for a tiny house to temporarily house his mother. Returning to the Town Office, he received misinformation from an employee that the new structure would be acceptable if it were the same size as originally planned and its new location could be noted on the building permit. Based on that information, Mr. Bartholomew constructed a small building this summer near the house for his mother.

Mr. Bartholomew said that a Bowdoin resident complained to the Selectmen that there seemed to be two residences on the lot and the Codes Enforcement Officer was asked to investigate. When this occurred Mr. Bartholomew contacted his legislator, who suggested that he ask the Bowdoin Planning Board about the building codes.

Both structures are well insulated, off the grid, without a well, utilizing a composting toilet and showering off site. There is a walkway with two railings from the structure housing his mother to the main structure. There is no plumbing or kitchen. The new building functions as a sleeping cabin.

They advised Mr. Bartholomew to approach Code Enforcement and explain that his mother is essentially a 3rd resident of their house with a separate sleeping area. Mulvey said that she would email the Code Enforcement about the situation.

Consideration of minutes:

No minutes were considered.

Other Business:

Mulvey received a letter from the Board of Selectmen regarding [providing] Town Ordinances to the Code Enforcement Officer. Planning Board members drafted a response to be typed and distributed by the Secretary.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marie Murray
Recording Secretary

cc: Selectmen, Code Enforcement Officer, Webmaster, Planning Board Files