

Village of Richmondville
Planning Board minutes
March 14, 2024

4:34pm- meeting was called to order in person at village office, The Pledge of Allegiance was done.

Present: Lisa Scott, Linda Carpenter, Scott Hill, Joan Sondergaard, Jesse Wilcox, Lisabeth Kabel

Guests: Diana Spenello

Lisa Scott ran the meeting and Linda Carpenter was secretary

Approval of February minutes. Scott Hill made the motion to accept the February minutes, Joan Sondergaard seconded, all voted in favor to accept the February minutes.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

A license will need to be created for any residents having chickens. The PB recommends a \$25.00 fee for the license.

The PB would like to recommend that Diana Spenello be reappointed back to the PB. She has been contacted and is willing to serve on the PB. The PB currently has 4 members and one alternate. It is suppose to have 5 members and 2 alternates. The Village Board will need to find two more people to serve on the PB.

New Business:

The PB would like to know if the new zoning map could be mounted on the wall in the conference room. This way anyone with a question about zoning can check the map.

Short term rental agreement - see attached docs.

Comprehensive Plan-

The following was submitted to the Village Board in June 8, 2023 minutes-

The PB is recommending that the Village Board needs to assist the PB in the formation of a Comprehensive Plan which should consist of the following makeup-one PB member, one village trustee, at least 2-3 community residents. It is up to the Village Board to develop this committee, not the PB.

Jim Tiner(resident) had told us he would be willing to sit on the committee, Scott Hill from the PB would also be on the committee. Other members of the PB have stated they are not interested in working on this committee. The Village Board needs to come up with a trustee and at least one community member for this committee.

Diamond maps-Linda Carpenter has looked at the map with all the electric, water, etc. entered on it. She had sent the following email to Hope in November and is still waiting for a response to a creation of another Diamond map to work on. The only response from Hope was a pdf map of Richmondville.

email sent to Hope-

Mon, Nov 20, 2023 at 10:47 AM

In order for me to work on the diamond map, I need to be able to have one that I can work on without touching the official map. As I am teaching myself, I don't want to accidentally erase anything. I can not create a secondary map as I am not an administrator.

Then, in order for Linda Carpenter to work on the diamond map, she needs to be able to have one that she can work on without touching the official map.

So at this time, Linda Carpenter will not be doing any future work on the Diamond Maps.

Solar energy-

Last year, Linda Carpenter attended a presentation put on by the NY Power Authority. When she asked if residents of Richmondville would be eligible for any grants or state assistance for the purchasing of solar panels, she was told that anyone having Richmondville Power and Light were not eligible for such assistance. Literature was brought back from the presentation and left at the village office for the trustees. As the cost of purchasing seemed prohibitive, no further research was done.

It was brought to the attention from several residents that there is a problem with loose dogs running around Holmes St. The dog control officer doesn't always respond to calls or texts. People walking their pets have had to pick up their animal when the loose dogs approach. Is there something the Village Board can do to let residents know that there is a lease law that pertains to any time the animal is off their property and that the owners of the loose dogs would be responsible for any damage that the dog does (including medical/vet bills)? Maybe a reminder in the electric bill?

Updates from Jesse Wilcox:

The burning of trash on High Street was addressed.

Next meeting is on April 11th at 4:15pm in the Village office.

Joan Sondergaard made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Scott Hill seconded, meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm.

Submitted by Linda Carpenter, PB Secretary