

**CORNISH PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19, 2019**

The Cornish Planning Board met on Thursday, December 9, 2019, at 7pm in the Cornish Town Offices. Members present were Bill Lipfert, Chair, Jon Glass, Mary Mancuso, and Gail McKenzie; Scott Baker, Selectman; Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary.

Bill Lipfert called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Jim Borchert, Evelyn Kramer, and Tom Decato

Approval of Minutes.

Gail McKenzie made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Jon Glass seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative.

Evelyn Kramer – Public Hearing re: Annexation, Town House Road.

*voting: Bill Lipfert, Chair, Scott Baker, Jon Glass, Heidi Jaarsma, Mary Mancuso, and Gail McKenzie*

Bill Lipfert opened the public hearing at 7:05 pm. Mr. Borchert represented Ms. Kramer, who proposed to annex 2.65 acres to Mr. Borchert. It was noted that Ms. Kramer is retaining 5.1491 acres. No members of the public were present. Scott Baker made a motion to approve the annexation as presented. Mary Mancuso seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative, 5-0.

Linda & Robert Rice – Completeness Review re: Annexation, Burr Road.

*voting: Bill Lipfert, Chair, Scott Baker, Jon Glass, Heidi Jaarsma, Mary Mancuso, and Gail McKenzie.*

Tom Decato acted as agent for Robert and Linda Rice. Linda and Robert Rice have applied to annex 2.09+/- acres from Tax Map 16, Lot 60 (25.66 +/- acres), to Tax Map 16, Lot 60A (11.05+/- acres) owned by Thomas and Cara Decato. The resultant lots would measure 23.57+/- and 13.14+/- acres, respectively.

The Board noted that the word ‘and’ was missing from Note 1. The Board reviewed the application requirements

*3e. Complete boundary survey of each of the properties involved in the annexation showing the boundary line to be moved as a dashed line and the boundary line as a solid line;*

Mr. Decato requested a waiver of application requirement 3e. Heidi Jaarsma made a motion to waive application requirement 3e. and to accept the boundary survey of Map 16, Lot 60A, and the parcel to be annexed as shown on the plat submitted with the application. Mary Mancuso seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative, 5-0.

*3h. Show location of existing or proposed easements and areas affected by existing and proposed covenants, reservations and restrictions benefiting or bordering the property;*

Bill Lipfert asked if any easements or restrictions affected the parcel to be annexed. Mr. Decato stated that the parcel was undeveloped and was not affected by any easements or restrictions. Mr. Decato requested a waiver of application requirement 3h. Gail McKenzie made a motion to waive application requirement 3h. Heidi Jaarsma seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative, 5-0.

Scott Baker stated that the proposal made the lot a better shape. Heidi Jaarsma made a motion to find the application complete subject to two waivers and a minor typographical correction in note 1. Mary Mancuso seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative. Jon Glass noted that the surveyor's seal was unsigned. Mr. Decato will ensure that the surveyor has signed the copy to be submitted at the public hearing.

Petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance – Hearing Schedule.

The Board will hold public hearing on the petition to amend the zoning ordinance on January 16, 2020. The Board will request a legal review of the petition by Town Counsel.

Other Business.

Scott Baker relayed a taxpayer concern about the Burr Road cell tower access road. Mr. Lipfert felt that it was within the Selectboard's right to ask for improvements in the interest of safety.

Gail McKenzie made a motion to adjourn. Mary Mancuso seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi M. Jaarsma