

Meeting Minutes of the Pawlet Development Review Board
May 2, 2019
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Members Present:

Keith Mason, Chair
Jonathan Weiss
Brian Rawls
Gary Baierlein
Sarah Ludlam, alternate, acting as clerk

Audience Members Present:

Hal Wilkins, Zoning Administrator
Ray Duquette
Ken Norman
Michael O'Connor
Michelle Tilander

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM. Mr. Mason explained that this meeting was warned as an executive session to discuss legal matters involving the town. Before entering the session, Mr. Mason offered each audience member a moment to present their reasons for attending.

Ms. Tilander asked the board to protect property values and exercise caution when deciding on any matters pertaining to the Banyai property on Briar Hill Road.

Mr. Duquette stated that he wished to remind the board of the environmental court's decision to remand the appellant's original permit application to the Board. Ms. Tilander expressed agreement with Mr. Duquette's statement.

Mr. Norman asked if a site inspection had taken place. Mr. Wilkins explained that a visual inspection had been made.

Mr. O'Connor noted that meetings of the Board are to be public according to the Bylaws. Mr. Wilkins explained the Board is permitted to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. § 312(e), which permits a public body to enter into executive session for specific reasons. Mr. O'Connor stated that he is a former Marine with extensive range safety experience and expressed concern that this property does not appear to have appropriate safety measures for the type of weaponry purported to be on site by the Slate Ridge Tactical Facebook page, and expressed his belief that these concerns should be considered by the Board before granting a variance. Ms. Ludlam noted that the Board is not meeting to deliberate such a request at this time. Mr. Weiss read Article IX Section 9 of the Bylaws, which explains the parameters the Board must consider in order to grant a variance. Mr. Weiss noted that before considering any request for a variance, the Board would hold a hearing to review the merits of the request based on the requirements laid out in the Bylaws and consider testimony from interested parties.

Mr. Norman showed the board an announcement for a Slate Ridge rifle and gear show coming

up in May.

At 7:25 PM Mr. Mason entertained a motion by Mr. Baierlein to enter into executive session per 1 V.S.A. § 312(e) to discuss legal matters involving the town. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rawls. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:00 PM Mr. Rawls moved to exit executive session with no decisions made. Mr. Baierlein seconded, all in favor the motion passed. Mr. Weiss moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rawls, all members being in favor the motion passed at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sarah Ludlam, Acting Clerk
Town of Pawlet Development Review Board