

**Dresden Planning Board**  
**P. O. Box 30**  
**Dresden, Maine 04342**  
**Meeting minutes for Monday, December 07, 2020**

**Present** - Jeff Pierce (Chairman), Peter Elvin, Jay Cummings, Steve Stone and Dan Hanley (Vice Chairman).

Patty Stewart and Russell Peckham were absent.

Others present – None.

Shari Lilly (recording secretary) was not present so the Chairman recorded this meeting.

**NOTE:** As per order of the Governor due to the CoVid-19 pandemic, the social distancing restrictions and face covering guidelines have been applied and enforced.

Jeff opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

**ITEM #1 – Review minutes of November 16, 2020** – Motion to accept by Peter; Jay seconded; motion passed by show of hands of those present and voting.

**ITEM #2 – Old Business – Items tabled from previous meeting:**

**a.) Fire safety at Calista Vista** – The Fire Chief, as requested by the Board, submitted a letter indicating his issues in regard to fire protection at the Calista Vista housing development. Included was the need for a fire pond or cistern as well as the clearing of some branches/trees for clearance in vehicle turnabout. Jeff had made sure that all residents were provided with this information, plus the intent that was specified in the original development of the properties. However, to date, they have not responded to him, nor have they paid the back taxes as promised, so until they clear up the issues that were previously hindering their progress, it would appear the previous moratorium is still in effect. Steve asked if that would apply to those who had wanted this taken care of in order to build on their lots. Jeff said that since they have not taken care of the taxes and other issues as promised, it would apply as they haven't kept up with their part of the agreement they presented to the Board. With that, a motion was made and approved to keep the moratorium in effect and table this until we have confirmation of the back taxes being paid and the fire/safety issue are taken care of. They will then need to meet with the Board again.

**b.) Setbacks on Private Roads** – The CEO had reached out to Jeff in regard to setbacks on private roads. He was unable to find anything specific shown in our town ordinances. However, Jeff noted that in his 2010 ordinance book, on page 26; Table 2, it does state a setback of 50' from a State Road. In the Village area, it is 60' and private roads are 75'. All measurements shall be from the center of travel. This includes accessory structures. All members read the same information and were all in agreement. Jeff will notify the CEO of the Board's findings. He thinks it could

have been an unintended omission when the ordinance book was done.

**ITEM #3 – New Business** – As the PB also includes a Board Secretary, Jeff reminded everyone that our past member, Linda Biden, resigned due to moving to another town, so we would need to elect a new person for the position. Jay made a motion to elect Patty Stewart; Dan seconded. So voted by a show of hands. **As Patty is not present, she will have the opportunity to either accept or not at our next meeting.**

**ITEM #6 – Other Business** – As we are still dealing with the Co-Vid 19 pandemic issues, upcoming holidays, and no immediate business, Jeff suggested that if the Board pleases and for the safety of everyone, we could hold off on the next meeting in December and those in January unless we have business to address. Steve motioned to not meet in December or January unless we have business to come before the Board. Peter seconded the motion and the approval passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

**ITEM #7 - Adjournment** – Jeff motioned; Steve seconded. So voted at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Lilly (Recording Secretary)