

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2021 6:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting at Town Hall

Members Present: Peter Coffin, Barry Iadarola and Anne Mazar. **Others Present:** Carolyn Barthel, Dan Byer and Kathy Schofield.

The meeting started at 7:35 PM and all present introduced themselves.

Anne explained that the new alternate position on the LUC required suggestions from the LUC, Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. These names would then be given to the Select Board for appointment. Carolyn Barthel is interested in the position. She was interested in promoting sustainable land use in Mendon. She said she was also interested in energy efficiency and clean energy usage, which the LUC has taken on as an additional role of the committee. She was the Solar Coach for Solarize Mendon in 2012 and 2020. Kathy asked how she would promote the clean energy use. Carolyn said through education and applying for grants and programs that the state offered in these areas. Peter made a motion to submit Carolyn Barthel's name as the Land Use Committee's recommendation to the Select Board to fill the alternate position, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The committee selected the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM for the regular LUC meeting time.

Barry made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/1/21, 2/17/21, 3/3/21, 4/21/21 & 9/22/21 meetings, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Trask property was discussed. Dan and Kathy said that the property is beautiful and has potential for the town to use in the future, but they needed to see the inside the house to determine if it was worth preserving. Carolyn asked how old the house was and Dan said it was built in the 1850. After much discussion it was decided that Anne would try to arrange access to the house for those interested and have the building inspector join them.

Next meeting is on January 11, 2022 at 7 PM.

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne Mazar