

Present: Duke Simoneau, Eric Frerking, Heather Quimby, and Steve Littlefield

This whole meeting was to go over the Revisions to the ShoreLand Zoning Ordinance. There is a need to frame the Wetland Zoning Map and have it available for the general public to access. Eric had gone through with the planning board many spots that need to be tailored to the Town of Brooks and marked them. Those spots are going to be removed and a new version should be available at the next meeting.

Heather brought up question about the many coastal references throughout the ordinance and can these be omitted? Also brought up was how to word the whole Timber Harvesting section if option 1 is chosen? These questions will be posed to Rich Baker and results presented at next meeting.

When Rich Baker was in for our informational meeting he let the PB know better why JP's store lot was suggested by the state to be zoned as a General Development I. The reason is that with that zoning that lot will always be able to be a store. If left as is, the grandfathering of the store to keep business running as usual will not stay that way if for some reason the store should close for a year or more. In other words, if left zoned the way it is and something happens and JP's closes for more than 12 consecutive months, than the store cannot reopen. It is not zoned for a store there. So by changing the zoning for that lot, the reopening in that situation is allowed. This gives John Wentworth more freedom with his lot. A motion to change the zoning with such reasoning was made by Heather and seconded by Eric. It was a unanimous vote in favor of this move. This motion should be noted in the appropriate places.

Addendum:

Email was sent to Rich Baker and answer was received. Coastal references can be omitted and wording for option #1 timber harvesting is all written out for those who need it. A new ordinance that would reflect both of these changes is available for municipalities and will be sent ASAP. Hopefully we will have one for the next meeting.