

**South Berwick Town Council
Public Hearing
Chapter 121 Subdivision of Land & Chapter 140 Zoning
May 23, 2023**

Chair Mallory Cook opened the hearing at 6:30pm. Councilors present included John James, Jessica Cyr, Jeffrey Minihan, and Melissa Costella. Town Manager Tim Pellerin and Assistant Town Manager Jennifer Janelle were also in attendance. Jenifer McCabe, Code Enforcement Officer was also present to answer any questions.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the proposed changes to the Subdivision Ordinance §121.7, Sketch Plan Procedures and the Zoning Ordinance Table B, Dimensional Requirements in the I1 and I2 Zones.

-CEO Jeni McCabe explained that the change to Chapter 121 would streamline the process for sketch plan submissions. The CEO & Planner will review and if necessary, forward the application to the Planning Board.

-Mrs. Cook read an email from Roxanne Poulin and Sam Flinkstrom stating their opposition to the ordinance changes. A copy of the email is included with the official minutes.

-Mrs. Cook stated that the proposed change would help made better use of the Planning Boards time. She added that the Town has contracted with SMPDC for full-time planning services.

-Rob (Richard) Bernier, Mountain Rd, commented that seemed very typical and was a good move.

-Pat Robinson, Brattle St, asked if the Conservation Commission could be notified of any new developments. Note was made that it would require more information and could be looked at later.

-Elizabeth Ware, Witchtrot Rd, asked if this gave the CEO or Planner more authority. Response: No, they review the documents (for completeness) prior to submission to the Planning Board. The Planning Board makes the decision.

Mrs. Cook read a letter from Economic Development Director Denise Clavette. A copy of the letter is attached. Mrs. Clavette stated that the change to the setbacks in the Industrial Zones will make it more business friendly.

Mrs. Cook closed the hearing at 6:41pm.

Attest:

Barbara Bennett, CCM