

**TOWN OF UNITY, MAINE
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 22, 2019

LOCATION: Unity Town Office

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Porter, Jason Bosco, Mark Nickerson, Jean Bourg, Don Newell, Eileen McCue, Sherry Powell-Wilson

COMMITTEE CHAIR/ACTING CHAIR: Jim Porter

SECRETARY: Sherry Powell-Wilson

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Charlie Porter

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Penny Picard Sampson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Application #/Date	Applicant Name	Building Site Address	Structure Type	Committee Approval	Conditions
Construction Application and Permit #039 04/30/2019	Jacob Wheeler Present:	237 Stevens Road, Map 006, Lot	Standalone garage, 30 x 32	Yes	
Construction Application and Permit #242 04/26/2019	Samuel Beechy Present:	55 Leelynn Drive, Map 12, Lot 38	Prebuilt (portable) cabin, 32 x 20, w/16 x 10 deck	Yes	
Construction Application and Permit #245 05/16/2019	Caleb Stoll Present:	Fisher Road, Map 12, Lot 46	Addition to structure, 14 x 40	Yes	

Construction Application and Permit #243 05/15/2019	Dale Shaw Present: Dale Shaw	157 Bangor Road, Map 13, Lot 002	Storage building 672'	Yes	
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Jim called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Jacob Wheeler, #039 – Don questioned the lot size of 2.67 as listed on the application. Subsequently corrected to 2.81 as the Town has it listed. Don made the motion to approve, Mark seconded. All in favor.

Samuel Beechy, #242 – New prebuilt cabin (32 x 20) on an existing lot with existing well and septic. Don made the motion to accept and Mark seconded. All in favor. Jim made a notation that the cabin would have a 16 x 10' deck in front of the cabin.

Caleb Stoll, #245 – Add 14 x 40 front porch on an existing structure. Don mentioned that the structure was within farmland but that the owner of the structure and the farmland are the same. Don made the motion to accept and Mark seconded. All in favor.

Dale Shaw, #243 – Building a storage building, 24 x 28, on 4.15 acre lot. Don moved to accept application with no conditions. Mark seconded. All in favor.

Minutes for February and April were approved as written.

Scott Hayes returned to the Board to discuss his project of starting a firing range behind his residence on Route 9. Currently there is no ordinance in place in the Town of Unity regarding shooting ranges. Scott's plan is obtain insurance, seek guidance through the NRA, and operate an appointment-only, private shooting range. He has obtained a lot of information on decibel levels, and he plans to talk with neighbors. He will construct an earthen berm at the edge of the field, which would be on the edge of a bog. Various concerns voiced by Planning Board members were the proximity to the lake (the range would be on the opposite side of Route 9 from the lake), a walking trail on the opposite side of the road from the range, a concern with guns in general, and devaluation of all properties affected by the noise. Jean Bourg will obtain sample ordinances from other towns to present at the next meeting.

Election of Officers –

Jim was nominated to continue as Chair. Jim accepted the nomination. All in favor.

Jean was nominated to continue as Vice Chair. Jean accepted the nomination. All in favor.

Sherry was nominated to continue as Secretary. Sherry accepted the nomination. All in favor.

The subject of instituting a moratorium on in the installation of solar panel farms was brought up. Penny will get more information regarding moratoriums and how they work and, in the meantime, Board members are encouraged to obtain copies of ordinances in place by other municipalities.

Seeing no further business, meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Next Planning Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th, 2019.

**Respectfully submitted,
Sherry E. Powell-Wilson, Notary Public**

Approved: 06/26/2019