

**MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING TOWN BYLAW CHANGES**  
**6:00 P.M. Thursday, January 7, 2016**  
**HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

**Select Board**

Eric Remick, Chair  
Kathleen Hemmens, Vice Chair  
Lawrence Hamel  
Shari Cornish  
Elizabeth Dow

**Others Present**

Jon Jewett, Town Manager  
Alberta Miller, Town Clerk  
Aaron Cochran, Police Chief  
Mike Bielawski-Gazette  
Glenn Howland, Shatney's Attorney  
David Gross, Planning Commission

**Others Present**

Kory Barclay  
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Mike Sullivan, HED  
Kristen Leahy, Zoning Admin.  
Wilma Shatney

**6:03 P.M.** – Select Board Chair, Eric Remick opened the Public Hearing.

**6:04 P.M.** – Eric gave a brief synopsis of the reason for the public hearing. He stated for the audience that the Board had received a petition requesting that the Town make several changes to its current zoning bylaws. He noted that the Planning Commission had reviewed those recommended changes and voted unanimously not to recommend their approval. He went on to say that the decision was now with the Select Board to discuss the changes and hold a public hearing to obtain public comment on the petitioned changes.

Attorney, Glenn Howland, representing Earl & Wilma Shatney, gave the Select Board an overview of the bylaw changes he has proposed and the reasons for them. He spoke about the need to address the way the Town Zoning Administrator is appointed to match the process with State statute, the Town Charter and with the zoning bylaws. He said that there should be standards developed for investigating potential zoning issues before a Notice of Violation is issued by the Zoning Administrator. He also stated that the Town's performance standards need additional clarification. These issues were addressed in the petitioned bylaw changes submitted to the Town for consideration.

Wilma Shatney spoke on the negative effect that some of the bylaws have had on their trucking business. Wilma said this situation has destroyed their business and their relationships with others in the nearby community. Larry Hamel asked Wilma how long they have run their business from their home. Wilma stated that they had operated their business for 9 years with the first 6 being without issue.

Eric Remick asked Atty. Howland why that he felt that these issues should be addressed now since we are already in a full review of the Zoning Bylaws. Atty. Howland stated that he felt that there were some urgent issues that needed addressing and the timeline of a full rewrite of the bylaws may take too long and have further negative impacts on the community as it did to the Shatneys.

Kristen Leahy, Zoning Administrator, explained that the Town had received a \$9,000 State Planning Grant to work on the bylaw amendments. She went on to say that she had consulted with Alison Lowe from the NVDA and they will be addressing the bylaw concerns in two or three parts to expedite some of the necessary changes to the bylaws.

**6:39 P.M. Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, closed the public hearing.**

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Remick, Chair of the Select Board

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alberta Miller, Town Clerk