

BOARD OF LAND SURVEYORS
JUNE 5, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M.
PUBLIC MINUTES

There was a meeting of the Board of Licensure for Land Surveyors on June 5, 2019. Chairperson Doucet called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Also present were Board members Ginny Christenton, Tracey Sweeney and Joe Wichert. Not present was Kevin McEneaney. Present from OPLC was Chris Horne. Steve Ferguson was present as the NHLSA liason.

1. Acceptance of Agenda – G. Christenton made a motion to accept the agenda, T. Sweeney seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the April 18, 2018 Meeting- G. Christenton made a motion to accept the minutes form the April 18, 2019 meeting as written. J. Wichert seconded, T. Sweeney abstains and motion passes.

3. Interview/meeting – Steve Ferguson from NHLSA was present. The 50th anniversary of NHLSA is this year.

4. Communications – General –

a. Land Surveyor Licensees by type- G. Christenton asked about the listing for a deceased LS and how that is listed on the licensee lookup. Staff will look into this.

1. Land Surveyors- 335-breakdown by state -noted

2. Surveyor in Training-390- Board discussed if any SITs are affected by some colleges cutting back on the Land Surveyor programs. Board would like to know how many SITs are NH residents. Some SITs just never wanted to go for the Professional Land Surveyors license and stay SITs.

3 Land Surveyor COAs-180 -noted

5. Communications – Board Action –

a. Board Member Terms- Board would like to have a full Board by November exam corrections.

1. Kevin McEneaney term is up- the Board has received a completed new Board member packet from Michael Dahlberg. This will be sent over to the Governor and council for possibly next month.

2. Tracey Sweeney term is up in July- Board still need to find a replacement for T. Sweeney.

6. Applications –

a. appl. 19-01 Douglas Lees- this will be discussed in non-public

7. Unfinished Business – none

8. Other Business-

a. Responsible Charge discussion- Board would like to ask NHLSA to send out another survey with another jurisdictions definition of responsible charge and what NH has and see if the Board gets any feedback on changing the rules to better define what responsible charge is. Board would like to change the language in the rules to better clarify responsible charge.

Board is aware that responsible charge varies from case to case. However it would be easier if there were specific guidelines for surveyors who are in responsible charge positions to refer to.

b. Possible statute change goal- Board feels changing the statute to allow people to apply to NH without having to be first licensed in their home state could help take down a barrier for licensure. It should not matter where they live, if the application and experience would allow them to take the exam for NH licensing. This does not change the exam process. 3 exams would still need to be taken the SIT, the PS and the NHL exam. NHLSA sent a survey out for the LS Board. The Board received 5 responses back that were very good. 4 are in favor of changing the statute. The Board will now look to the next steps to change the statute. Staff will speak with Joe Shoemaker to get advice on a sponsor.

9. New Business –

a. Upon the motion of T Sweeney and the second of G. Christenton, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 10:00 a.m. a.m. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H.574(1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

b. Upon return to public session J. Wichert made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. G. Christenton seconded, roll call vote, and motion passes.

c. Date and time of next meeting – August 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment- meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.