

**Planning Board
Black Community Center, 7:30pm
March 10, 2009**

Members: Michael Mayor, Judith Esmay, Jim Hornig, Nancy Collier, Bill Dietrich

Alternate: Joan Garipay

Staff: Denise Shibles, Jonathan Edwards

Others: See attached sheet

1. Public Hearing on proposed zoning amendments.

Transformers-

This would amend two definitions in Section 902 Term Definitions: the definition of “essential service” by adding “electrical transformers” to the list of minor additions; and the definition of “structure” by adding “electrical transformers” to the list of those items not considered structures.

It was noted that the Planning and Zoning staff does not support this amendment. Winifred Stearns is concerned that this amendment allows transformers to be in setbacks without demonstrating necessity.

Barbara McIlroy agrees with the staff and thinks this amendment creates confusion for the voters.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Edwards pointed out that according to counsel and past practice, a vote to place an amendment on the Town Meeting warrant also means that the Board recommends to Town Meeting that the amendment should be approved.

Board members made note that defining transformers as minor additions would serve the need of the public for clarity and efficient process.

ESMAY made a motion, with MAYOR seconding, to bring the amendment forward to town meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The voting members were Mayor, Esmay, Hornig, Collier, Dietrich and Garipay.

Scoreboards-

This would amend Section 317.2 paragraph E to allow the display on a scoreboard of a team logo, the name of the athletic field, and name of the athletic facility donor(s); and to prohibit commercial advertising of any type on an athletic scoreboard.

MAYOR made a motion, with DIETRICH seconding, to bring the amendment forward to town meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The voting members were Mayor, Esmay, Hornig, Collier, Dietrich and Garipay.

Parking-

This would amend Section 502.5 by adding a new paragraph G which grants the Planning Board the authority to approve any arrangement and dimension of required parking spaces in a Planned Residential Development that the Board deems appropriate to the safety and design of the development.

Barbara McIlroy read a letter, written by her, stating her deep concerns surrounding tandem parking and their not following appropriate standards.

The Board explained that this amendment would allow them to make sure standards are better upheld.

ESMAY made a motion, with MAYOR seconding, to bring the amendment forward to town meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The voting members were Mayor, Esmay, Hornig, Collier, Dietrich and Garipay.

2. Public Hearing on proposal to authorize the Hanover Planning Board to delegate its site plan review powers and duties to a committee and to establish thresholds below which site plan review shall not be required.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Hanover Planning Board to delegate its site plan powers and duties in regard to minor site plans to a site review committee of technically qualified administrators designated by the Planning Board, with the concurrence of the Town Manager, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:43 III. This special site review committee shall have final authority to approve or disapprove minor site plans; however, the decision of the committee may be appealed to the full Planning Board.

In discussing this proposal, the Board members made it clear that this authorization would enable the Board to delegate minor site plan cases to staff. The proposal does not require the Board ever to make such a delegation, and it does not define what constitutes “minor” site plans—that would be determined along with any delegation. Also, the Board recognized recent advice of counsel to the effect that state law does not necessitate Town Meeting authorization for the Board to establish site plan review threshold levels.

HORNIG made a motion, with MAYOR seconding, to bring this article forward to town meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The voting members were Mayor, Esmay, Hornig, Collier, Dietrich and Garipay.

3. Report on Dartmouth College Parking

Joanna Whitcomb and Peter Glenshaw gave a presentation of parking at Dartmouth College. This presentation included such things as local shuttles, carpooling, zip cars, bicycle parking, sidewalk improvements, park and rides, parking permit buy-out programs and the Upper Valley Transportation Management Association. It was extremely informative and the college hopes to keep the Board informed of its progress in this area in the future.

4. Minutes

September 9, 2008:

MAYOR made a motion, with ESMAY seconding, to accept the minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion with Dietrich and Hornig abstaining. The voting members were: Mayor, Esmay, Collier, and Garipay.

October 27, 2008:

MAYOR made a motion, with DIETRICH seconding, to accept the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion Horning and Collier abstaining. The voting members were: Mayor, Esmay, Dietrich, and Garipay.

February 24, 2009

DIETRICH made a motion, with ESMAY seconding, to accept the minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion with Mayor abstaining. The voting members were: Esmay, Horning, Collier, Dietrich, and Garipay.

5. Other business:

Michael Mayor stated the NH Stormwater Manual 2009 is now online at des.nh.gov
Nancy Collier announced that she is resigning, from the Planning Board, as of April 15, 2009.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise D. Shibles
Recording Secretary