

Planning Board

Board Room, Municipal Building, 7:30pm

October 13, 2009

Members: Kate Connolly, Michael Mayor, Charlie Faulkner, Judith Esmay (Chair), Jim Hornig, Bill Dietrich, Joan Garipay

Alternates: Mike Hingston

Staff: Vicki Smith, Jonathan Edwards

Others: See attached sheet

Minutes-

August 25, 2009- HORNIG made a motion, with MAYOR seconding, to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was in favor of the motion with the following members voting: Connolly, Mayor, Faulkner, Esmay, Hornig and Garipay. Dietrich abstained.

September 16, 2009- CONNOLLY made a motion, with MAYOR seconding, to approve the minutes. The vote was in favor of the motion with the following members voting: Connolly, Mayor, Esmay, Garipay and Dietrich. Hornig and Faulkner abstained.

September 17, 2009- Meeting notes were approved by persons who attended the meeting.

September 22, 2009- MAYOR made a motion, with DIETRICH seconding, to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion with the following members voting: Connolly, Mayor, Faulkner, Esmay, Hornig, Dietrich and Garipay.

October 6, 2009- Meeting notes were approved by persons who attended the meeting.

Discussion-

ESMAY stated she accepted responsibility for the "quiz" the members found in their mailing packet. This quiz was regarding zoning ordinances and their characteristics. It encouraged the Board members to participate in the experiences of an applicant and the challenges they might incur.

The discussion included the difficulties presented when the state laws change and how the districts have changed over the years.

Where are we now in the process, according to the Hingston/Collier memo presented in December 2008? Where do you go from here?

Are there too many zoning districts?

Neighborhoods or zones?

What are the characteristics of each zoning district? Lot size, setbacks, building height?

Should they be geographically guided?

How do zoning districts happen?

Is the town well served with zoning the way it is now?

Should they look at zoning districts or policies?

Edwards reported that Erika Alder has been working on reorganizing the ordinance.

DIETRICH suggested dividing the town into four areas and discuss what they like and don't like about each one and how does it relate to the Master Plan.

HINGSTON suggested they start with the F district (Goose Pond). It is an uncomplicated area and a beginning point where a model may be created, of how to proceed to other districts.

What should the land use regulations seek to accomplish for Goose Pond camps?

Board member assignment: re-familiarize yourself with the Master Plan.

HORNIG asked that a list of important documents needed to move forward be compiled and distributed to the members.

It was also suggested that a list of possible changes to the Master Plan be created, as they proceed.

MAYOR stated he has purchased a set of dvd's from NH Public Television entitled "E2" he finds to be very helpful. They address design, energy and transportation. He highly recommends them to other members.

Other business:

Next meeting is a neighborhood tour. The next formal hearing is Nov. 3rd.

Mayor reported that the Naked Table Project will be held at Prosper Community House in Woodstock, Vt on October 17 & 18. This project is coming to Hanover in April.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D. Shibles, Recording Secretary