

Minutes

Planning Board Meeting

March 24, 2011

Please note: The regular February 2011 meeting of the Planning Board was cancelled due to the lack of any formal or informal business. The regular March 2011 meeting was postponed to March 24, 2011 due to the lack of any formal or informal business.

Members of the Planning Board in attendance were Charles Moreno, Chairman, James Graham, Lynn Sweet, and Terry Hyland, Alternate member.

The Chairman called the public meeting to order at 6:30 PM and announced the members present. The closing date for applications to appear on the agenda for the April regular meeting was 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2011. The Chairman reminded the audience that the Board has a policy setting time limits for meetings and that the Board will not consider any new business after 10:30 PM.

There was no formal or informal business before the Board. Lynn Sweet reminded Board members that at Town Meeting, the voters had requested that the Board look into drafting ordinances regarding down-lighting for dark skies and to address the proliferation of signs on telephone poles.

Derek Sowers of the PREP attended to make an introductory presentation to the Board about the importance of stormwater management. This presentation will kick off the Board's work on developing stormwater regulations for subdivisions and non-residential development, under a grant from PREP. Normandeau Associates, the town's consulting engineers, will be working with the Board on this project, which is expected to take until the end of the year. Mr. Sowers presented a number of materials, including copies of the 2009 State of the Estuary report and various fact sheets. He suggested that the Board look into taking a field trip to the UNH Stormwater Center over the summer, and noted that PREP offers scholarships for their training sessions. Adele Fiorillo and Rich Masters of Normandeau Associates also attended. Mr. Masters explained that he would be the lead consultant on this project and talked about his experiences working on stormwater management issues in other parts of the state.

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 10:00 pm.