

## Minutes

### Planning Board Meeting

February 2, 2012

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

The Chairman called the public meeting to order at 8:00 PM and announced the members present. The closing date for applications to appear on the agenda for the March 2012 regular meeting is 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2012. The Chairman advised the audience that the agenda for the evening is long and 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. It was agreed to postpone consideration of the minutes until after the formal business.

There were a number of items of continuing and one item of new business for this evening's meeting. The Chairman advised the audience that Berry Surveying and Engineering has submitted a letter requesting the continuation of the following applications to the March 2012 meeting: the application of JANET CHASSE PREVATT AND TERRY PREVATT for 3-lot, revised to 2-lot, subdivision of their property located at 79 Ridge Farm Road (Tax Map 15, Lot 22), and the application of MARK and JUDITH WHITCHER for boundary adjustment of their property located on Wild Goose Pond Road and Province Road (Tax Map 1, Lot 6-6, Lot 6-7 and Lot 14).

The first item of new business for this evening was to open a Public Hearing in accordance with NH RSA 675:3 and 675:7 to present and discuss proposed amendments to the Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances to be presented to the voters of Strafford on March 13, 2012. The Chairman then opened the public hearing. Notice was posted at the Strafford Post Office and Town Offices and published in Foster's Daily Democrat on or about January 20, 2012.

The Chairman then presented the following proposed amendments to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances:

To amend and clarify Article 1.3.8 Signs by adopting new expanded guidelines for the placement of signs and to add new definitions to Article 1.14 for terms as used in the proposed ordinance such as 1.14.20 Sign.

To add a proposed Article 1.3.12 Outdoor Lighting to encourage energy efficiency and to preserve dark night skies by controlling outdoor lighting to minimize glare and light trespass and to add new definitions to Article 1.14 for terms as used in the proposed ordinance such as 1.14.21 Luminaire and 1.14.22 Glare.

Rick Ferreira and David Perkins were present for the hearing. Board members discussed the two proposed ordinances and various suggestions for clarifying the language of the proposals were made. It was agreed to cut several redundant sections of the proposed Article 1.3.8 and rearrange the remaining sections. It was agreed that adding a definition for "outdoor lighting" would be helpful. It was suggested that it might be good to put together some educational materials about down-shielded lighting for an article for the community calendar in support of the dark skies proposal.

Following discussion, Lynn Sweet then made a motion to approve the language of the two proposed amendments as clarified/edited during discussion this evening and to forward the two proposed amendments to the Town Clerk to put on the ballot for the voters on March 13, 2012. Jim Graham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 10:15 pm.