

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 2-4-2014

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Preliminary

TOWN OF STODDARD

PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD February 4, 2014

MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 PM

Members attending included: Ruth Ward, Dian Mathews, Ellen Mason, Chris Madden, Dale Smith, Selectmen's rep Steve McGerty and alternates Harry Power and Margo Santoro. Angel Nicoletti, ZBA chairman and Brian Michaud were also in attendance.

Correspondence: Driveway Permit application for Chet Pratt (selling property to Monadnock Boat (Chessie Holdings, LLC), Driveway permit from NHDOT for Pratt Property, Budget report.

Minutes of previous meeting: Dale Smith moved and Dian Mathews seconded to accept the minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting as presented, the board approved.

Public rudimentary questions: The secretary requested a change of the meeting location from the Town Hall to the Gould House for the duration of the cold weather.

After considerable discussion, the board approved the request.

Old business:

Telecommunications Update – Chris reported that the Town should have their regulation changes in place pretty quickly as there isn't much it can do to regulate the location of a cell tower, but that conditions (maintenance of the access road, building, fence can be required) on the facility can be placed in the Cell Tower Regulation. Chris also reported that towers in construction at this time are at a height of 198' to 225'. Any tower over 199' must be lighted for aircraft notification in cloudy or foggy weather.

The board decided to hold a work session on the telecommunications update on February 11, 2014 @ 6:00 PM to ready it for legal review and a public hearing to notify residents to the ordinance that will be placed on the Town warrant in May (Dian Mathews will take notes during the work session). The entire ordinance will be available at the Gould House during regular business hours and at the public hearing. Secretary's note: publishing and noticing is required at least 10 days prior to the public hearing date.

Master Plan Update – Dian Mathews reported that she and Ellen Mason have continued to review the sections of the Master Plan that need to be updated to reflect data that is stale and in need of correction. They have determined that a couple maps should be renewed and that will require SWRPC to update for the town. Data tables should be updated to reflect the US Census 2010 records and to modernize the obsolete terminology. The Projects section needs to be changed to reflect some items that have been accomplished.

New Business:

Sign setback on Route 9 – Harry Power reported that the NH DOT has sent letters to Mr. Mike's and previous owners on 10-22-2001 and 3-20-2006 noting that nothing is allowed within the 50' setback from the center-line of Route 9. The split rail fence is completely within that setback.

Harry Power reported that he has had a few complaints on the Poodiack property on Whitney Road, concerning the vegetation cutting. He noted that the State has reduced the restrictions for removal of plants/trees within the Shoreland Protection setback. Geoffrey Jones recommends reviewing Section IV and to change the wording to require the remaining plants/trees be viable vegetation, especially on steep slopes. Dale Smith made a statement that he would cut all the vegetation down to the lake if he owned a piece of property located on the lake, to allow full view of the lake.

The board is concerned about quality water preservation. Angel Nicoletti suggested consulting the NH Lakes Association for solutions.

Subdivision applications: None

Site Plan Review: None

Other business: SWRPC winter meeting is being held on 2/18. Ruth noted that it is a good forum to meet other town's Planning Board members and to learn of their concerns and projects. Reservations are required and Ruth Ward and Dian Mathews will register. The Secretary reported that Arnie Stymest, Jim Coffey and John Halter

would also be attending.

Secretary's Cumulative hours: 21.5

Adjourned: Dale Smith moved and Ellen Mason seconded to adjourn at 7:50 PM, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam

Secretary