

TOWN OF STODDARD  
PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD June 2, 2015  
MEETING CONVENED AT 7:13 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Members attending included: Dian Mathews, Dale Smith, Chris Madden, Ellen Mason, Dean Huber, Selectmen's Representative Margo Santoro and Alternate Harry Power. Excused was Ruth Ward.

Correspondence: email from Ruth Ward – not available 6/2 – out of town, list of NHMA Municipal Law Lecture Series for next fall, UNH Cooperative Extension informational pamphlet on Community Planning for NH, May budget Report, suggested wording for Road Waiver for the Cell Tower on Richer Road.

Minutes of previous meeting: Dian Mathews declared the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting, as presented, to be approved.

Old business:

1. River Management Plan – was postponed until July 7 due the Ruth Ward not being present.
2. Road Waiver for Richer Road – this wording was changed to reflect that it is a commercial placement. The wording was submitted by the applicant's attorney to satisfy Harry Power's request. Dian Mathews asked if the conditions for approving the Site Plan Review had been submitted. They have not. There was some question as to if the Fire Chief had received a request to inspect the property. This is unknown but would be the responsibility of the applicant.

New business: Dale Smith, referring to the Master Plan Update, reported that he had spoken to J. B. Mack from SWRPC concerning the possibility of a Commercial District along Route 9. Mr. Mack is willing to appear before the board and explain the State's plan for that area. The board was eager to learn from Mr. Mack and Dian Mathews will call him for a time that he can appear before the board to present the NH DOT Plan for Route 9.

Subdivision applications: None

Site Plan Review: None

Public rudimentary questions:

Harry Power requested an explanation of why the two alternates were not called to the table for the hearing on the Cell Tower, given there were 2 board members excused. He quoted RSA 673:11 & Chris Madden quoted 673:14 that says it is up to the local board to determine how it will conduct business. Chris Madden read RSA 676:1b that says the Town shall decide the method that business is conducted under. RSA 673:5 V was also consulted. Harry Power told Chris he could not disregard the RSAs. Dale Smith explained that he had asked the board if they wanted to call the alternates and they decided not to because there was a quorum of regular members in attendance. Dale Smith and Chris Madden explained that they were acting on information they had learned from OEP Attorney, Ben Frost, at an OEP training meeting. That information declared that alternates are not needed to be called if a quorum is present. There was some discussion about paid employees of the town not qualified to serve on the board. Harry Power said he would contact Atty. Frost to learn what RSA was quoted and get

that information in writing. Steve McGerty said he has served as an alternate to the ZBA when there was no quorum present.

Chris Madden moved and Dale Smith seconded to have Dian Mathews ask Silas Little, the board's attorney, for his opinion on the subject and get his response in writing, the board approved with Margo Santoro voting nay. Steve McGerty suggested that Dian ask for the law and not Atty. Little's opinion.

Other business:

1. Appointment of Harry Power as Alternate with the term to expire at the end of Town Meeting, 2018. This appointment was postponed until the July 7th meeting to research if his service is in conflict (paid employee) or not. Ellen Mason noted that her position, as Tax Collector, seems to be compatible with her serving on the Planning Board.

2. Alternate Margo Santoro – can no longer be an alternate to the Planning Board due to her being a Selectman. The board asked Dian Mathews to make a poster announcing an opening, as an alternate, to the Planning Board. Dian will put the poster at the Transfer Station, along with the bulletin boards the town has @ the Gould House and the Town Hall.

3. Appointment of Chairman for the Planning Board to start in July. Chris Madden nominated Dale Smith for Chairman, Ellen Mason seconded – Mr. Smith declined. Dale Smith nominated Dian Mathews for Chairman, Dean Huber seconded and the board approved. Ellen Mason nominated Dale Smith for Vice-Chairman, Dean Huber seconded and the board approved.

Ellen Mason praised the job that both had done during the past year.

4. Margo Santoro brought up the CIP Update committee's work and said it should be a viable document. The CIP, along with the Master Plan, is necessary to allow planning ahead for a stable tax rate. Dale Smith reported that a former Board of Selectmen declared that they would not consult the CIP for work on the budget. Of course, the board's members have changed recently so that might not be the case now.

5. Dian Mathews reported that one of the former Master Plan Update Committee meetings required meeting at the Town Hall and she did not have a key to lock up afterward. She was forced to go to Arnie Stymest's house to get a key. She would like to have a key issued to her, as Planning Board Chairman. The next Master Plan Update meeting was scheduled for June 16 @ 6:15 PM @ the Gould House.

Secretary's Cumulative Hours: 58.25

Adjourned: Dale Smith moved and Chris Madden seconded to adjourn at 8:34, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam  
Secretary

These minutes of the Town of Stoddard Planning Board have been recorded by the Town Board Secretary. Though believed to be accurate and correct, they are subject to additions,

deletions and corrections by the Board members at the next meeting when the Board votes its final approval of the minutes. They are being made available at this time to conform to the requirements of NH RSA 91-A:2.