

TOWN OF STODDARD  
PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD August 4, 2015  
MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 PM

Members attending included: Ruth Ward, Dale Smith, Chris Madden, Dian Mathews, Ellen Mason, Dean Huber, Selectmen's rep. Steve McGerty and Alternate Harry Power.

Correspondence: OEP Survey of Municipal Land Use Regulations, list of State Highway Project # 16073 – Stoddard, Antrim & Hillsborough Route 9.

Minutes of previous meeting: Ruth Ward moved and Dale Smith seconded to accept the minutes of July 7, 2015 as presented, the board approved.

Old business:

1. Rules of Procedure update – second reading - Dian Mathews read the changes which were approved at the 7/7/2015 meeting.
2. Dian Mathews appointed Harry Power to the position of Alternate #1. His term will run through the Town Meeting in 2018. She also introduced Jane McOsker, who was observing in the interest of possibly serving as an alternate to the board.

New business:

7:00 – JB Mack, SWRPC Principal Planner, Updated the board on the progress of Project # 16073 – NH Route 9 corridor study. He explained that the study to improve the East/West Regional Mobility was to make provide safe access management. The state is considering purchasing right of way along either side of Route 9 to reduce curb cuts along the route.

Brenda Bryer asked if there is any plan to re-open the old state rest area. Mr. Mack said there is no update or plan to re-open it. The state closed it in a cost cutting measure.

Ruth Ward asked about buying up land. Mr. Mack said no, it is more of a purchase of easement in order to control the number of curb cuts along this portion of Route 9.

Mr. Mack also said SWRPC is not pushing the concept right now due to the lack of funding at the state level.

Steve McGerty said, for safety sake, there should be an additional section for a turning lane along commercial properties.

It was noted that all the land east of the Route 123 intersection is conservation land with no possibility for development.

Dale Smith asked who has the authority to tell a developer to move a curb cut on a parcel. Mr. Mack said the Planning Board has the ability to negotiate with the developer to make sure of a safe access, but the NH Department of Transportation has the first say on where a curb cut should be placed.

Dian Mathews thanked Mr. Mack for his presentation.

7:50 PM – Public Hearing opened on the Contoocook and North Branch River Corridor Management Plan

Ruth Ward explained that Stoddard is part of the water shed of the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers. The water quality changed due to fertilizer and other contaminates flowing into the water. This resulted in killing fish and aquatic plants. In 1972 the State instituted a Water Clean Up program that started the process to clean up the rivers.

Ruth Ward and Paul Krampfert are on the advisory group for this corridor for the water system.

Paul Krampfert read the list of 8 goals of this group. The group conducts annual water quality tests at 2 sites in Stoddard – at Treelyn Road and at the twin arch bridge. Paul Krampfert also read an extensive portion of the Contoocook and North Branch Corridor Management Plan. The public hearing was closed at 8:10.

Ellen Mason moved and Dale Smith seconded to add the Management Plan as an addendum to the Master Plan.

Brenda Bryer asked why this regulation should be added to make more regulations to control her property.

The board approved the motion.

Subdivision applications: None

Site Plan Review: None

Public rudimentary questions: None

Other business:

1. Dian Mathews explained the July 14th's meeting of the Master Plan Update Subcommittee. She passed out a map of a portion of Route 9 where there might be a commercial district established. This map showed existing residences and commercial establishments from Granite Lake to the entrance to Route 123 North. The next meeting will be held on August 11 @ 6:15 PM @ the Gould House.

2. Dale Smith announced that the Historical Society of Cheshire County is presenting a program on Conservation on August 26th.

3. Following Harry Power's appointment to the board as an alternate, Dale Smith resigned as Vice-Chairman. Dian Mathews called for a replacement and Ruth Ward agreed to serve. Ellen Mason moved and Dean Huber seconded to appoint Ruth Ward as Vice-Chairman, the board approved the appointment with Dale Smith abstaining.

Secretary's Cumulative Hours: 11.25

Adjourned: Ellen Mason moved and Chris Madden seconded to adjourn at 8:52, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam  
Secretary

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