

HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD

Minutes

October 15, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Tracy Emerick, Chair
Keith Lessard
Tom Higgins
Richard Bateman, Selectman Member
Mark Loopley, Clerk
Robert Bilodeau, Alternate
Fran McMahan
James Steffen, Town Planner
Candice Sicard, Planning Secretary

ABSENT: Robert Viviano, Vice-Chair

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Emerick began the meeting at 7:00 PM by introducing the Board members and leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. ATTENDING TO BE HEARD

III. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES of October 1, 2008

Page 3: “There was discussion the Board inviting Ben Frost to the meeting on October 17, 2008.” Changed to “There was discussion the Board inviting Ben Frost of New Hampshire Housing to the meeting on October 15, 2008.”

MOVED: by Mr. Lessard

SECOND: by Mr. McMahan

VOTE: 6-0-0 MOTION PASSED

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- NROC Grant – Stormwater regulations improvement project

Mr. Steffen updated the Board about the grant received to do work on the subdivision and site plan regulations to incorporate more low impact development techniques for stormwater management. There will soon be a summary memorandum about incorporating LID in the regulations. There was an extension until April of 2009 so there is sufficient time to make changes. Mr. Higgins thought the Department of Public Works director should be included in this process.

There was discussion about sending plans out for review and whether or not the Board should have the plans sent for review prior to taking jurisdiction so to avoid time constraints. There was also discussion about zoning amendments.

- Master Plan Update

The Board discussed small wind energy systems. There was a hand out that gave a sample of zoning requirements for wind turbines that could be tweaked to fit the needs of any community. Mr. Higgins thought that the briefest possible energy section could be introduced would be most

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effective. Ann Carnaby of the Energy Committee detailed the need for regulations regarding the wind turbines. She noted that there have been several inquiries about this to her from Hampton residents who are considering a wind turbine to power their homes. Chairman Emerick explained the current guidelines for town facilities planning strategies. Mr. McMahon noted that on item 1.2 he didn't agree that there should always be a multi-use for every new building and that although we should encourage that the wording would be best changed to "whenever possible". Mr. McMahon 1.3 noted that there should be more description on what a "New England Town" actually looks like. There was suggestions about changing the New England Town wording to look more Colonial / Victorian in style rather than contemporary. There was clarification on item 1.5 and on item 2.2.

- School facilities plan status

Mr. Lessard asked if the school had presented anything for Capital Improvements Program and it was noted that \$300,000.00 for Hampton School District was presented.

There was discussion about the following upcoming meetings:

This Saturday, October 18th, Professor Plattus of Yale, will be visiting Hampton. 10:00am, he will visit facilities, schools then have lunch. At 2:30pm there will be an discussion open to the public at the Town Hall.

Monday, October 20 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Great Bay Discovery Center in Greenland there will be a meeting about the NH Shoreland Protection Act.

Tuesday, October 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Unitol Headquarters on Liberty Lane Hampton there will be a meeting to discuss providing workforce housing opportunities.

Thursday, November 6 at the Town Hall there will be a NROC meeting.

There was discussion from Mr. Lessard about the conservation coordinator position requesting more hours and the need for the Board to be aware of these things. There was discussion about impact fees.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mr. Loopley to adjourn

SECOND by Mr. Bilodeau

VOTE: 6-0-0 MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Candice Sicard, Planning Secretary