

NEWINGTON PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2007

1. **Call to Order:** Sandy Hislop Chair Person called to order the meeting at 6:35 P. M.

Present: Sandy Hislop, Chair Person, Denis Hebert, Vice Chair Person, Jack Pare, John Frink, Chris Cross, and Tom Morgan, Town Planner.

Not Present: Cos Iocovozzi, Vincent Frank, Peggy Lamson, Gail Klanchesser

Guests: None

1. **Public Hearing:**

Proposal to add a lighting article to the Zoning Ordinance

Denis: This is really good and hope tonight we can act on the ordinance to go or doesn't go and we can't change anything on the ordinance. One thing Denis wants is clarification on the residential lighting subject. Denis read Section 3, A (**A B** - *Spot lights, floodlights and other bright security lighting shall be limited in such a fashion as to not direct light onto neighboring property.*) and asked what does direct (lighting) mean as apposed to secondary, etc. What Denis is trying to get is such reasonableness. The word direct or not direct light means I'm taking a light and directing it out onto the property, incidental or secondary lighting is not included in this. John disagreed. Discussion ensued on the word direct. Denis: How's it enforceable by the BOS? Jack: If someone did complain, after trying to work it out with the property owner, they might come in and ask the BOS advice, which in turn they will tell/send Charlie to try and resolve it. Discussion continued. Sandy: It's possible to change the code under the same methods. Denis understands that. Denis: *At the same time I'm not trying to take the letter of the law what the intent of the lighting ordinance is. The intent of the lighting ordinance was reasonableness, and that we're not trying to put direct lighting on someone else's property but incidental/reflective lighting, etc. as long as it's a relatively low level not to create an incredible amount of illumination in the area would be acceptable.* Jack: *What you just said should now show up in the records and that's the intent.* Denis: *Wants to make it known as a matter of record.* Sandy, any other corrections, changes, etc.? It came out pretty good. If there aren't any other discussions, we will close out the Public hearing and bring it back for a vote. Denis made a motion to bring this to a Town meeting for a vote. Jack seconded it. Sandy: Any further discussion? All those in favor to put this to a Town meeting for a vote? AYE. Any opposed. None.

- 2) **Minutes of December 18, 2006 & January 8, 2007**

Sandy: Discussion of the minutes of December 18th 2006. Denis made a motion to accept the minutes. Jack seconded it for discussion. Discussion ensued. Page 1, ten lines up from the bottom put a parenthesis around "**(the Opechee)**" and again, nine lines up from the bottom, at the end of the above sentence starting with "They" add after that "**(the Town)**" were going to sprinkle these buildings and they **(the Developer)** said to show them in writing ", etc. Page 2, ten lines up from the bottom, the sentence that starts with "The water main" change to "**If** the water main"; Page 4, under B) Schools in

the Residential Zone, the next sentence should read: Sandy: “**Read the proposed amendment**”; under number 2) Minutes, six lines from the bottom, it should read “*John expressed concern that the extended Shattuck Way was not for the “purpose” of wood chip trucks accessing the “power” plant, etc.* Top of Page 5, second line down, take out Hassle should read Dave **Hislop**; six lines from the bottom, New Market is one word, correction will be made; and Page 6, six lines from the end of the paragraph, “Grandfathering” is one word. Pearl will make the necessary corrections and e-mail them to the PB. Sandy: Any other corrections to make. All in favor of accepting the minutes as corrected? AYE. None opposed.

Sandy: Discussion of the minutes of January 8, 2007. Denis made a motion to accept the minutes. John seconded it. Sandy any corrections? Page 1, under B), six lines down it should read ‘**NH DOT**’ web site; then four lines down from that, change concrete paved road to read “**concrete apron and paved road**”. Sandy: All in favor of accepting the minutes as amended? AYE. None opposed.

Sandy: Does anyone want to go on to any other discussions? Denis: We need to discuss two of the PB members who are up for election this year and haven’t signed up to date and we’re running out of time. Sandy has considered not doing it. Denis: Would like to discuss this with Sandy. Discussion ensued. Tom: You’ve done a really good job. Your biggest contribution is your leveling influence and the Chairman is to keep everyone working together without any discord. Accolades from all the members of the Board on the job Sandy has done and suggestions were made on other ways to contribute his time. Sandy has been on the Board since 1978. He commended other members of the Board on all the work they contributed. John stated he was through and stepping aside. Denis: We all bring something to the Board and healthy disagreements are good. Denis: John, you bring a lot to the Board. Everyone works well together. Chris: Talking to John on how much his contribution has meant to the Board, etc. Tom: Have two weeks to think about it. Denis: We will need to find a back up if John steps down. He still has two weeks to think about it. John has been on the Board since 1983. Discussions/observations continued on different subjects and changes that are taking place. Sandy: Does anyone want to discuss any items on Pending Business? Discussion ensued on the Pending Business list. Denis: Doesn’t want to wait a whole year anymore and questioning rule and interpretations were discussed. We are loading up our plate (list is so big) and the stuff doesn’t get done. Working on Master Plan takes priority. Discussion continued on how to proceed on the list. Suggestion was to see how other towns are doing it.

Adjournment:

Sandy: Any more business to discuss tonight? None. Jack made a motion to adjourn. John seconded it. Sandy: All those in favor of adjourning, AYE. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Next meeting is February 12, 2007 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Pearl Travis-Sirois, Recorder/Transcriber

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