

Planning Board

Minutes

June 9, 2008

Planning board Members Present: Denis Hebert, Michael Marconi, Jack Pare, Tom Bobotas, Cliff Abbott, Peggy Lamson, Chris Cross (7:40 pm)

Also Present: Town Planner Tom Morgan

Commencement: Chairman Hebert opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

New Business: Proposal by Laura Peterson to establish a riding lesson program at 408 Newington Road.

Ken Peterson spoke regarding the proposal. He stated the facility will have riding lessons and also equine therapy. One of the stalls will be made into an office. Sessions would be 50 minutes each, one at a time – possibly 5 per week.

Pare asked about parking. Peterson stated the parking pad will hold 3 cars. Lessons would be one on one.

Chairman Hebert stated no vote could be taken until the matter goes to public hearing. Chairman Hebert indicated a public hearing on the matter will be scheduled for July 14th and instructed the applicant to come to the hearing with the formal plan.

Lorna Watson – crafts and yard sale items Fox Point Road – Lorna Watson inquired about having a sale on Dorothy Watson's land each Fri/Sat/Sun throughout the summer season to sell craft and yard sale items. It would be a gazebo and covered table with her camper behind it. It would be set up and taken down each time. Nothing would be stored outside and it would be seasonal.

Discussion of 2 houses on family lot – both part of original family.

Marconi asked if there would be a sign. Lorna said she would like to have a sign on the road. Marconi suggested she contact the building inspector to see what is allowed.

Discussion of parking – if the sale is successful, the board may have to address a parking issue.

Chairman Hebert stated that having a yard sale is allowed.

The proposed continual use must go to public hearing which will be scheduled for July 14th.

Public Hearing: Proposal by Tyco Integrated Cable Systems, Inc. to expand cable manufacturing plant at 100 Piscataqua Drive.

Dennis Moulton presented the plan and explained that there are two existing buildings. The proposal is to construct a 3800 sq ft addition which would connect the two buildings and would add manufacturing area. They would remove pavement, pour a foundation and construct a steel frame building with metal siding and a flat roof.

Chairman Hebert asked what type of work would be done at the facility. Steve Potter, Mgr. of Plant Engineering and Peter Welch, Facilities Mgr were both present, and explained that there would be no new manufacturing processes done - that it is merely and expansion of the existing business of assembly of repeaters.

The board suggested the applicant check with the DES to be sure a permit is not needed. Dennis Moulton replied there was minimal disturbance but would check anyway.

Chairman Hebert asked if the current parking was sufficient. Moulton stated there is parking for 15 employees which is sufficient.

Chairman Hebert also indicated that prior to approval, the board will need a letter from the Fire Chief indicating his approval of the plan. Chairman Hebert also reminded the applicant that the lighting must meet the current ordinance.

A site walk was suggested and scheduled for June 16th at 6:00 pm.

Pare made a motion to accept the plan as substantially complete, Marconi seconded, all in favor – motion carries.

The applicant will return to the board for the July 14th meeting to seek approval after the public hearing.

GIS Update – Jack Pare

Pare explained the need for a dedicated computer for the GIS system. Currently, he must generate an adobe file on the town drive for each map and then on to the portable. This makes it very time consuming and inefficient. A dedicated machine would allow him to have the software and generate the views live without the need to create individual files.

Chairman Hebert stated this should be able to be accomplished if the Town's systems were all routinely managed and designed to be standardized across all departments and expressed frustration this could not be accomplished.

Discussion of line item for expenditure. The master plan line item was suggested as this tool is needed to create the maps for the master plan.

Marconi made a motion to approve no more than \$1,500 for the purchase of a portable computer that will be able to handle the project, Abbott seconded - Cross abstained, all others in favor – motion carries.

Minutes of May 19, 2008

Lamson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2008, Abbott seconded, Cross and Bobotas abstained, all others in favor – motion carries.

Correspondence:

Letter from Pan Am Railways, Inc. Re: proposed land use

Letter from Coast regarding Newington appointing a representative to be on the Coast Board of Directors.

Chairman Hebert asked the board members to consider this and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting to appoint a planning board member to the Coast board.

Chairman Hebert called a recess at 8:35 pm.
Chairman Hebert resumed the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Other Business:

Lamson informed the board she had attended a PDA work session on land use

Fence Report

Morgan indicated the City of Portsmouth requires a fence to be 6” off the neighbor’s property line with the good side facing the neighbor. However, Portsmouth does not have an ordinance which states this.

Fences will be added to the agenda for the next work session.

The next work session will be held on June 23rd to discuss fences, along with the brainstorming list for the master plan, the Vision Statement and any changes to the master plan.

At 9:05 pm, Marconi made a motion to adjourn, Marconi seconded, all in favor – motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melia Michaud
Recording Secretary