

**Call to Order:** Chairman Matthew Morton called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.  
Members in attendance: Edna Mosher, Ralph Estes, John Frink, and Steve Prefontaine.

**Minutes of September 21, 2009:** The board voted to adopt the minutes.

**Public Hearing:** Mike Marconi recused himself. Jeff Marple and Philip Ross proposed the establishment of an educational facility at 105 Gosling Road, Tax Map 28, Lot 2. Mr. Ross is the proprietor of Exchange City, presently located at the former Wentworth School in Portsmouth. The City has asked him to vacate the building.

Eric Weinrieb, PE, presented his school bus test demonstrating that no vehicle maneuvering issues at the site. The bus would drop students seven feet from the door. He indicated that it should be a safe situation. There will be two buses per day, between 9:30AM and 2:30PM.

Attorney Jack McGee addressed the variance criteria in some detail, asserting that the proposal met the Boccia criteria. Mr. Ross stated that the Exchange City program has operated since 2004. He is looking for a five to ten year lease.

Planning Board member Mike Marconi, speaking from the audience, stated that the Planning Board has some safety concerns as a result of the trucks that run along Gosling Road.

Attorney McGee reminded the board that the speed limit on Gosling is 30 MPH. Line of sight is not a problem. This site is no different that 50% to 70% of sites throughout New Hampshire that are in busy communities.

Chairman Morton closed the public hearing at 7:55 PM. Estes is troubled by the prospect of busses turning right onto Gosling Road, as it would seem that the roadway geometry would force the busses out near, or over, the yellow line. Prefontaine concurred with Estes. Mosher stated that Exchange City sounds like a fabulous program, however she is concerned about the traffic safety issues at this site. Frink agreed, and noted that the Marple property abuts an industrial zone.

Frink moved to approve the request. Mosher seconded. No one voted in favor. Frink, Mosher, Prefontaine, and Estes voted in the negative. The motion failed. The variance request was denied.

**Adjournment:** Mosher moved to adjourn the meeting, Frank seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

T. Morgan, Acting Sec'y