Town of Newington, NH
PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2011

Call to Order: Chair Denis Hebert called the Month #, 2011 meeting at 6:30 PM.

Present: Mike Marconi, Vice Chair; Patty Borkland; Bernie Christensen; Cosmas Iocovazzi (arrived at 7:30 p.m.); Jack Pare; Alternate Members, Clifford Abbott and Peggy Lamson; Jane Kendall, Recorder; and Thomas Morgan, Town Planner

Absent: Peggy Lamson (left at 7:30 p.m.);

Public Guests: P.J. Johnson of Portsmouth Pilots, Representing Piscataqua River Economic Development Committee; Captain Dick Holt; Eric Weintrieb, PE, Altus Engineering

1) Piscataqua Navigation: Power Point Presentation by P.J. Johnson and Geno Marconi (not present)

P.J. Johnson presented a study of the traffic and business involving the Piscataqua River Bridges that run between New Hampshire and Maine. Currently there is a plan to replace the Memorial Bridge that links Portsmouth Harbor area to Badger's Island and Kittery, and just rehab the Sarah Long Bridge that leads to Maine on Route 1 North without considering the hidden costs of not expanding or the limited life span of a rehabbed bridge. Mr. Johnson reviewed the age, condition, history, construction dimensions, increasing widths of shipping freighters and narrow freighter passage allowance of the bridge.

Mr. Johnson emphasized that Newington industries are major stake holders in the issue considering current freighter deliveries from Portsmouth Harbor are limited as a result of the narrow bridge, which raises serious concerns that future deliveries from larger freighters could be turned away to other ports in Boston or Portland, which would increase transporting costs. Captain Dick Holt said there would be a time when the Town of Newington can weigh in on future planning discussions.

2) New Residential Development Road Standards with Eric Weinrieb, PE

Mr. Weinrieb reviewed New Development Road Standard changes made as requested by the Board in their previous work session. Discussion ensued on specifications for clarity, and Weinrieb said he would get the draft of changes to Town Planner, Tom Morgan within a couple of days. A Public Hearing for Monday, July 11, 2011 will be scheduled after the edited changes have been made.

3) Correspondence

Town Planner, Tom Morgan shared NH Department of Environmental Services Commissioner, Thomas Burack's June 8, 2011 letter received in response to the

May 19, 2011 letter of opposition from Board of Selectmen Chair, Cosmas Iocovozzi, and Conservation Commission Co-Chair, Jane Hislop regarding the Proposed Memorandum of Agreement between DES and the Great Bay Municipal Coalition, as well as a follow-up letter of June 9, 2011.

4) Minutes of June 13, 2011. Due to the need for information that was unavailable at the time, approval of the Minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

5) Adjournment: Cosmas Iocovazzi motioned to adjourn, Cliff Abbott seconded, all were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, July11, 2011

Respectfully Submitted by: Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary