

**PLANNING BOARD
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
January 8, 2013**

DATE: January 8, 2013 TYPE: Planning Board Meeting APPROVED: January 15, 2013

TIME: 7:00 pm –7:25pm

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL MEMBERS: Chairman Kirk Stenersen, Phil Simeone, Hank Whitney, Mike Quinlan, Kim McCummings

ROLL CALL ALTERNATES: Charlie Eicher,

EX OFFICIO: Roberta Oeser

PLANNING DIRECTOR:

PLANNING SECRETARY: Susan Hoyland

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES: Charlie Eicher to sit for Dave Tower

OTHERS PRESENT: Jared Reins

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Kirk Stenersen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Stenersen said that four applications had been received for the Planning Director position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) December 18, 2013

MOTION: Phil Simeone moved to “approve the meeting minutes December 18, 2012”.
Hank Whitney seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-2 Mike Quinlan and Roberta Oeser abstained

NEW BUSINESS

Second Public Hearing: Zoning Amendments

Chairman Stenersen read into the record an email correspondence from Staff Attorney Paul G. Sanderson, NH Municipal Association in Concord, NH to Planning Director, Matt Henry.

From: legal inquiries [mailto:legal_inquiries@nhlgc.org]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 1:07 PM

To: Matt Henry

Subject: Rindge: Zoning Amendments - 12/17/12 PS

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January 8, 2013 KS, KM, PS, RO, HW, MQ, CE, SH

Mr. Henry,

You are correct. The confusion comes with petitioned zoning amendments. If a citizen petition is received in a timely manner that cannot be removed from the ballot, regardless of the outcome of a planning board public hearing. It does not matter whether the planning board recommends the article or not, and it does not matter if the petitioners themselves wish to remove the article; in all cases it must remain. For articles proposed by the selectmen or by the planning board, they may be removed right up to the last day for posting the official warrant. After all, why have a public hearing if the board can't react to feedback indicating that the article they drafted has problems?

Sincerely,

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Chairman Stenersen said that tonight the Planning Board would make their decision on the final form of Amendments 2 and 3 of the proposed Zoning Amendments.

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To amend the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance to permit storage and sales of petroleum and bio fuels (not retail gasoline sales) in the Gateway East District.

[This amendment is intended to allow sales and storage of petroleum and bio fuels in the Gateway East District]

The board discussed the Gateway East District focusing on the shallow depth of the lots and the significant amount of wetlands in that district.

MOTION: Roberta Oeser moved to “not post and to remove from consideration Amendment No. 2 pertaining to petroleum and bio fuel storage in the Gateway East district” Phil Simeone seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0-0

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To rescind Article III Section N as written and replace it with Article III Section N as follows:

Camping Permits: Property Owners

Travel Trailer/Motor Homes: campers, travel trailers and motor homes may be stored unoccupied in any district in the Town of Rindge for any period of time.

The Board of Selectmen may issue a permit for any residential property owner to accommodate him/herself or nonpaying guest(s) on their property to reside in campers, travel trailers or motor homes for a period not exceeding 60 days in any one year (Tents do not require permits). In granting the permit, the Board of Selectmen shall take into consideration legitimate concerns raised by abutters. The units shall demonstrate that proper sanitary facilities are available, as determined by the Health Officer and all applicable life safety codes are met. No unit may be used for permanent dwelling at any time.

[This amendment is intended to allow guests to visit an owner of a property subject to a properly issued permit from the Board of Selectmen. The current language does not address whether a visitor of a property owner is permitted to occupy such a vehicle and is therefore not permitted].

MOTION: Roberta Oeser moved to approve the final form of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board as presented and discussed. Charlie Eicher seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0-0

Chairman Stenersen closed the Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

NEXT MEETING
January 15, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hoyland
Planning Secretary