

**PLANNING BOARD
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 4, 2014**

DATE: February 4, 2014 **TYPE:** Public Meeting **APPROVED:** March 4, 2014

TIME: 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL MEMBERS: Chairman Kirk Stenersen, Hank Whitney, Bruce Donati, Charlie Eicher, Phil Simeone

ROLL CALL ALTERNATES: Holly Koski, Tim Halliday

EX OFFICIO: Roberta Oeser

PLANNING DIRECTOR:

PLANNING SECRETARY: Susan Hoyland

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

ABSENT: Burt Goodrich

OTHERS PRESENT: Amalia Stenersen, Victoria Stenersen

1. Announcements

Roberta Oeser announced that the School meeting will be postponed due to the impending snowstorm. It has been rescheduled to Friday night.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. January 21, 2014

MOTION: Charlie Eicher moved to accept the minutes of January 21, 2014 as written. Phil Simeone seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-1** Roberta Oeser abstained.

b. January 21, 2014 Non-Public Session

MOTION: Roberta Oeser moved to accept the non-public minutes of January 21, 2014 as written. Charlie Eicher seconded the motion. **Vote: 7-0-0**

3. Old Business

4. New Business

Office Staffing-looking forward

Chairman Stenersen asked the Board for their thoughts and suggestions: "Where do we go from here?"

The Board considered the following:

- Planning Board members donating office coverage time if needed

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- Consideration of closing the office on Wednesdays to allow quiet time to prepare meeting minutes
- Planning Board members (2-3) reviewing applications for completeness
- Sending plans out for review at the applicant's expense.
- Discussion of various engineering firms and their pros and cons. Cost of reviews.
- The need to have clear goals as to what the Board wants in a Planning Director. Does the current workload justify the expense? Could the Planning Director position be less than full time? Salary level does not attract a strong economic development candidate. Could we contract on an hourly basis with a Planning Director/consultant?
- The value of outreach toward Economic Development. The need for clear goals and objectives.
- Attracting businesses that can offer career opportunities/higher paying jobs.
- The cost of retail businesses on town services.

The Board decided to leave things as they are presently and revisit this in the spring.

Work Plan for 2014

Chairman Stenersen outlined some upcoming work items including:

- Site Plan Regulations need to be updated.
- The Driveway Regulations have been updated and just need to go to Public Hearing. Roberta Oeser said that she believes a review should be done on driveways prior to paving. A short discussion of this ensued.
- The Master Plan updating project can be put off for a while
- Burt Goodrich is moving forward with the Economic Development Task Force
- The Bicycle and Pedestrian grant application was denied.

Update on Planning Grant Status

Chairman Stenersen updated the board on the status of the CPG grant. Roger Hawk is planning to write an article for the newspaper and had asked to speak with someone who had been involved with the Rindge 2020. Tim Halliday asked Roberta Oeser if she had been involved with 2020 and could speak with Roger Hawk. The Board discussed a possible mailing and perhaps having Roger Hawk speak with some local groups about the proposed amendments. It was determined that time was too short and the budget may not support any further outreach. Susan Hoyland reported that we have met the 'matching fund requirements' to date, but that not all hours are in the same Work Task numbers as the original proposal suggested.

Warrant Articles-Plain language descriptions

Roberta Oeser said that she had supplied Jane Pitt with the plain language description for the Planning Board warrant articles. The Board reviewed Roberta's descriptions and made just one suggestion for a minor change. The Board thanked Roberta for doing a great job on this.

5. Planning Department Report

Chairman Stenersen updated the Board on his meeting with Ed Rogers. (Hosea Ketola, Fitzgerald Road Subdivision) Ed will be submitting updated plans a week prior to the next meeting). Hank Whitney said that the Town may be able to research grant monies to repair the Fitzgerald Road.

Chairman Stenersen said that UNH holds a storm water presentation that is quite informative. He said that if the Town would be willing to pay for this, this event would be most worthwhile for Planning Board members to attend.

Chairman Stenersen reminded the Board members about the importance of maintaining the integrity of information as discussed in Non-Public Sessions. After the last meeting, some information was 'leaked' to outside sources. Chairman Stenersen said he was not sure this came from any Planning Board members, but wanted to remind all involved of the importance of maintaining confidentiality on all Non-Public Session discussions.

Adjourn: 8PM