

**PLANNING BOARD
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
April 1, 2014**

DATE: April 1, 2014 **TYPE:** Public Meeting **APPROVED:** April 15, 2014

TIME: 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL MEMBERS: Hank Whitney, Bruce Donati, Charlie Eicher, Phil Simeone, Jonah Ketola,

ROLL CALL ALTERNATES: Holly Koski, Kim McCummings

EX OFFICIO: Roberta Oeser

PLANNING DIRECTOR:

PLANNING SECRETARY: Susan Hoyland

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES: Kim McCummings to sit for Sam Bouchie

ABSENT: Sam Bouchie

OTHERS PRESENT: Jed Brummer, Pat Martin, Larry Cleveland, Kelen Geiger, Kirk Stenersen, Ray Rodriguez, Penny Rodriguez, Pete Pisecco, Sally Poikonen, Phyllis McKeon, Bob Knight, Paul Chambers, Earl W. Cole, Jr., Alice Cole, Al L'Eplattenier, Dwight Whitcomb, Richard Isakson, Cheryl McCabe Charron, John Charron, Dick Coll, Laurel Cameron, John and Anne O'Day, David Drouin, Brenda Lashua, Rick Griffith, Hayden James, Al LeFebvre

1. Announcements

Kim McCummings announced that the Farmers Market will be using the West Rindge Common Park and will be commencing on May 15. The Farmer's Market will be open through the Thursday after Columbus Day rain or shine. (Excepting extreme thunder and lightning) Kim said that the last winter market was last Thursday. She said that if anyone sees any signs that have not been picked up, please call the Planning Office so that they may be retrieved.

Ray Rodriguez asked if this Board pledges allegiance to the flag prior to the meeting. Chairman Hank Whitney said that this board has not been doing that. Mr. Rodriguez asked if it would be appropriate to do so now.

Board members and audience pledged allegiance to the flag.

Al Lefebvre announced that the Rindge Historical Society open stage at the Meeting House would take place on April 11th and the second Friday of each month thereafter.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. March 18, 2014

MOTION: Roberta Oeser moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2014 as written. Charlie Eicher seconded the motion. **Vote: 7-0-0**

Chairman Whitney said since we have such a large group tonight, he would skip over the Old Business and begin with the New Business.

3. New Business

a. Public Hearing: The Planning Board will consider the following amendment to the Rindge Master Plan: “to delete and remove the entire contents of the “Plan NH” Charrette from the Rindge Master Plan”.

Roberta Oeser said that she wanted to make a clarification that the Charrette was located in a chapter of the Master Plan and not in the appendix. Charlie Eicher said this chapter was entitled Community Design.

Chairman Whitney asked for Kim McCummings thoughts on the Master Plan. Kim McCummings said that in looking at the rest of the contents of the Master Plan, this is consistent with the rest of the information that is in there, and that it has a value in staying with other documentation.

Chairman Whitney asked for other comments from Board members. There were none.

Chairman Hank Whitney opened the public hearing. He said he would like to hear first from those people who voted yes on Warrant Article 29, then he would hear from those who were in opposition to Article 29, and finally from those who were neither for or against Article 29 but would like to speak.

Speaking in Favor of Article 29:

Sally Poikinen said she thought we had just voted in March to vote this whole thing out and that it was over. Chairman Hank Whitney said that he had reread Article 29 and that it was a request. Charlie Eicher read the warrant article as it appeared on the ballot:

“Shall the Town of Rindge vote to request that the Planning Board delete and remove the entire contents of the “Plan NH” Charrette from the Rindge Master Plan (by petition).

Roberta Oeser said that the Planning Board is the only one who has the authority to actually remove something from the Master Plan by statute. The language on the petition article was correct.

Larry Cleveland read a brief statement which began with his attendance at a meeting in January of 2013 at the West Rindge Methodist Church, which he said was entitled, the West Rindge Revitalization Plan. He said it was held by Plan NH and Roger Hawk. He said most in attendance were West Rindge residents and that most were very angry, including himself after hearing what was being planned for his neighborhood. He said there were a few people in attendance that were speaking very highly of this plan. He said he had never seen these people before and they did not say where they lived. He said that his grievances, concerns and

opposition fell on deaf ears. He said the comments of those in opposition meant nothing but that people who were there to support this were listened to and their comments were welcomed. He said he then attended another meeting in June 2013 at the church about the same subject matter, again, West Rindge residents stood up one after another and voiced their opposition only to be squelched by Roger Hawk with a “we have limited time for this presentation”. Supporters were allowed to speak for as long as needed. He said he has not seen these people since those two meetings. He said he started writing letters to the local paper. After the word got around, he said he was contacted by someone who told him what this was really about; it was the federal push for sustainability under the guise of global warming. He said he started researching and found that this had been happening all around the country. He said the meetings he had been attending at the church are called Visioning Sessions, designed to have a desired outcome regardless of what the opposition says. He said there are usually people brought in from other places to act like residents and speak as if they want this plan. Larry said there are numerous videos on line that you can watch to prove this. It is called the Delphi Technique. He said “You see, what is happening in Rindge is not unique, it is happening everywhere”. Larry went on to say “On October 1st, Save Our Town held its first public meeting. It attracted 200 concerned residents. It is safe to say that no less than 90 percent in attendance had never heard of the Charrette. People voiced their opposition at this meeting. Since then, leading up to January, every Planning Board meeting has been attended by people in opposition. At the very least, a 4 to 1 margin in opposition to this plan attended meeting after meeting. Yet the Board continued. We were told that this plan had been going on for years, and we should have known about it. What we learned after the first SOT meeting was there was indeed a HUD grant. I’d asked for the grant contracts for two weeks after the meeting but was stonewalled by the Town Administrator. When we actually got the contracts, I learned that there was money allowed for public education and notification of this plan. It was never used for this. We were told before this that the town could not afford to send out notifications. In our opinion, the proponents of this plan do not want many people to know about it. They know it would be met by huge opposition. Save Our Town wanted everyone to know. We pooled our money and sent out flyers. It is important to note that there was great opposition to this plan before we sent flyers out. Most people had done their research and knew this plan was not good for Rindge. On March 11, the town voted decisively to remove the entire contents of the Charrette from the Master Plan, 1086 to 321. That is a margin of three to one, reflecting the approximate same ratio in attendance at the Planning Board Meetings. I respectfully ask the Board tonight to honor the resident’s wishes and to do the right and just thing by removing the entire contents. Thank you.”

Nancy LaBonne 123 Pine Eden Road, spoke to the 3 to 1 margin of the vote, to remove the Charrette, She said that the Planning Board has heard the voice of the people, and that it is now the Board’s responsibility to follow the wishes of the Town and not to go by their personal wishes or desires and to get rid of the Charrette.

Paul Chambers West Rindge said that our forefathers gave the people the power in this country and that our elected officials have forgotten that. He said, “We are the government, everyone in this room” Elected officials are supposed to serve the majority of the people, the majority of the people voted on this and I ask that you serve and back us up.

Elise Taylor 16 South Woodbound, said she thinks we can all agree that we have tremendous respect for those in town who gave of themselves and volunteered to work on the Charrette. Obviously, in their opinion, the Charrette was in the best interest of Rindge. The townspeople however felt otherwise. Volunteering also does not mean that your ideology is in the best interest of the town and its people. There is a problem when those who volunteer begin to demean and fabricate untruths and post hate filled rants about the opposition and their opinions on the internet and in the local papers, such as in today's opinion piece in the Ledger. SOT and by extension, the citizens who voted against the zoning changes and voted to remove 100% of the Charrette from the Master Plan, have fallen victim to vile and hateful tirades by those who unfortunately think that the Town's people are too stupid to know how to vote.

We elect our officials to represent all constituents and we expect that they will be fair to all and support the will of the people. Let me be very clear that the First Amendment is what allows me to stand up here this evening and voice my objections, and it is what allows people to write their opinions, albeit misguided, in the paper and on the internet. We in this Town have a thicker skin and we will not cave to the denigrations perpetrated by the minority. Let me also be clear, this constitutional republic of which we have the privilege to live, also affords us the ability to vote. We exercise our vote as a free nation, to show our support or disagreement with a particular initiative that may have been presented to the people. On March 11, the townspeople decided overwhelmingly that the future of Rindge best lies in the hands of its citizens and not in the hands of the Regional Planning Commission or Federal Government. That my fellow citizen is free speech at its best. The voters have spoken and it would be an egregious mistake for the Planning Board to ignore the vote of the people.

Kelen Geiger 32 Spruce Ave: I want to say that on March 11, citizens and residents of Rindge went and voted. They voted on Article 29 and with their vote they were very clear, they wanted the Charrette removed from the Master Plan. Please vote this evening and back them up.

Ray Rodriguez: Again I support the fact that we need to have this thing removed, because when we moved here, this town was a very welcoming town, it was perfect for our family. We have a farm, we wanted it a particular way and that's why we came here. We came here very specifically for the land opportunity that we had. Number One: I do not want the possibility of someone confiscating my land. I want nothing to do with Agenda 21. Now, please, I know you are probably going to say "this guy is a conspiracy kind of guy" but that's not true. What I am referring to is something I think all of you should look at and look really deep and know what it means. I think what we are all saying is that we don't want it; we do not want the Federal Government to come in and control any of this. There's ways of applying for grants; there's ways of applying for different kinds of things out there and I think you need to be doing a little bit of work in that area to find other opportunities. If it is looking at us, and saying Okay, well, you have tied our hands so to speak, in one way, by saying no, you don't want this, Well what then? Well I say to you, do your homework, find something, find something else, you were put there into the position you are in, you are very intelligent people, you know communities, you know about how to make things work in communities, make it work in favor of the population that is saying, we want your support, but we don't want that. Which is the Charrette, Agenda 21 or any of that that will hurt this community. If you need more information on that, research it. It exists. I think you know that, I hope you know that.

Rick Griffith, 117 School St, We were asked in the beginning of this thing to come up here. And somebody on the Board had mentioned, and I fully understand, you have never seen a turnout like this since this came about with research. So without having us here for all those years, I understand. We are letting you know that we are here now, to make it happen and make it work. I don't believe the Charrette is the right thing. For all those years, there was nobody here at your meetings, so it was just all of you. You had no input from somebody else. I fully understand that. But thanks to people like Larry and everybody else in this room, looking at it and doing the homework; homework that you guys didn't do, whether you looked over it, it doesn't matter. They did the homework, they did the research; they did a great job and we found out about all the things that will destroy our town. We want our town back. I think these guys absolutely did a fantastic job. The voting went; the people saw what they wanted. They finally realized, we need to be with you folks so we can make this a better town.

Kirk Stenersen: I just want to make this short.

Chairman Whitney asked if there was anything different, that had not already been said by those in favor of Article 29.

Unidentified speaker: I moved to Rindge 6 or 7 years ago. I respect the hard work you have done on the Charrette. I lived in the city; I know what it's like; I came here because it is a nice rural community. If I want the big city, I can drive 20 miles. The people went in and they voted; this is not the right thing; maybe we need to go back to the Planning Board and find out what it is that we need here. This is not something that I think is right for this town.

Chairman Whitney said that he is getting the feeling that most of the people who are in this room are in favor of deleting the Charrette from the Master Plan. He said that he'll take a few more people; that everyone has a chance to speak.

Elizabeth Hill said that Roberta mentioned this evening that the wording of the article was what it was supposed to be; that it was a request. With the request, the voters of this town have decided that this is what they wanted; and why they did it this way. They couldn't just say no we don't want this because they don't have the power to do that. The voters trust you to act accordingly. If you decide that you don't want to vote as the voters wanted, what would happen if you voted against us? Do we have another option? Can we come back next year and do it another way?

Chairman Hank Whitney said that it is his guess that that may be a moot point this evening, but asked Roberta Oeser to address the question.

Roberta Oeser said that Larry Cleveland had worded the article properly. She said that the Planning Board, by state statute, must hold a public hearing to amend the Master Plan. And that is what we are doing tonight.

Larry Cleveland said that Warrant Article 29 was merely advisory. He said that the only one who can remove or add something to the Master Plan is the Planning Board itself, and not the legislative body.

Kirk Stenersen said his thing is quite simple. He said whether he is for or against the Plan NH Charrette makes no difference. The voices of the people have spoken. He said if this board is not willing to follow the voice of what the people have said, there is a major problem.

Chairman Whitney said he echoes what Kirk has said and that that is why we are here this evening. He said this is a formality so if the group wouldn't mind, he would now like to allow the people who want to keep the Charrette an opportunity to speak.

Pat Brady Martin asked the Planning Board to please consider that they were not commanded to remove the Charrette, but simply requested to do so. She said the Board could say no. She outlined a few reasons why the Board should consider retaining it. She said:

1. Those who worked on the Charrette did so with the understanding that there would be a work product as the result of their efforts. Agree or disagree with the suggestions; it was an honest effort and everyone tried to bring their best "game" to the meetings and workshops. When the Economic Development meetings began, working folks made time to come to early 8 AM meetings before going to work. They gave up Saturdays and evenings to participate in the Charrette meetings. Everyone was welcome to be part of it. It was advertised to the general public by email, mail webpage, Facebook Page, the newspapers and "The Rindge Connection". I consider it suppression of "Free Speech" to bury the work product of our efforts. It might seem like a small thing, but consider the impact and precedent you are setting. When a person volunteers for the town, it is with the understanding that, within reason, you will respect their gifts and their time and won't waste either needlessly. Deleting the Charrette is like erasing the work of the people who participated.

2. Of all the projects this Town has taken, on, this "chapter" or appendix in the Master Plan must rank among the most controversial. If we are to "learn from history", the Charrette should stay in the Master Plan if only as a caution for future projects. By deleting the Charrette, you are removing an important piece of our history from the record...you are, in fact, rewriting history. If someone would care to add an appendix to explain why the zoning regulations associated with the Charrette failed, I think that would be helpful to future committees and planning boards.

3. The zoning regulations failed. That should be enough for the people who opposed the Charrette and its vision. I did not campaign for or against the zoning regulations. The only thing I ever cared about was that people were truthful and allowed to express themselves openly, without intimidation. The voters of Rindge have spoken and said that property rights trump any "visions" or plans that others may have. At least, that is how people feel today. But, property rights do not trump free speech; which cannot be taken away by a vote.

It's great to see so many new faces turning up for meetings, but while we all need critics to help us improve, without positive feedback and support, we will wind up with no one willing to expose themselves to volunteering or running for office in this town.

That is all I have to say, thank you.

Debbie Opramolla, 344 Middle Winchendon Road, said that the problem she has with this type of request is that it has taken away from the history. She said she belongs to a group of people whose history has been suppressed. She said, this Charrette failed, that's fine but to take this away, as though it never existed, is dishonest, a slippery slope. The Charrette is part of the history and it should stay as that.

David Drouin said that he thinks this could be removed as a chapter but there should be an executive summary, to explain what happened. Then, years down the road, another board will have this history and be able to see why it failed. He said if you wipe this out, you are throwing away time and money.

Chairman Hank Whitney said that it is his understanding that the Charrette is to be taken out of the Master Plan, (if the Board votes that way) but it will still exist in a folder in the office, for anyone to come look at if they choose to do so.

David Drouin said that it should still be referred to in the appendix.

Mr. Griska, Atlantic Drive said that he has watched this whole process with a lot of interest. He said he could understand why the people in West Rindge have reacted the way they have. He asked if there were not things that could be done to find things that are good for Rindge's future without stepping on people's toes. He said that he doesn't think this situation is over. He said he does not believe this Charrette is good for Rindge.

Chairman Hank Whitney said that tonight, we need to rule on what is before us. As for the future, anyone who wants can come in the Planning Office and look at the Charrette or other documents. All are free to do so.

Jed Brummer said he sees a lot of West Rindge people here tonight and he heard them at the church in West Rindge as well. He said he appreciates that they want to keep Rindge as it is. He said that a lot of people in this town took part on the Rindge 2020 forum, on what they thought Rindge should look like in the future. He said that the result of that, after having had a national land planner there, who wrote a book called "Rural by Design" and after a survey that was sent out by the Planning Board, that people wanted to keep Rindge rural by design. That effort led to trying to create zoning to make that a realization in the future, knowing that Rindge is a border town. Jed Brummer said that Rindge is going to grow; if not then Rindge will decline and people will see their property taxes go up significantly. He said he understands the concerns but there need to be further answers. How do we move forward? Jed said that he has also heard some discouraging concerns voiced, about keeping Rindge as it is, as to not wanting a population such that they have over in Jaffrey, specifically to low income. He said that bothers him and actually rakes his conscience. He said not too far from here, we have a location not too far from here, which represents all those who have sacrificed their lives, whether they are black, white, yellow, or Muslim, atheist or what not. They gave their lives for this country and that should stand for something. And Rindge should stand for that. He said we need to be very careful in what we say we want and don't want in this town. There are solutions to this through a good plan. Rindge is going to grow, we are a border town, and he said he would like to think that the

people in West Rindge want to keep this town rural by design. And that's what the planning board was for. He said he believes the Planning Board would welcome people's input on that and to make that happen. He said with the energy of the people that can happen. He said he agrees with the Chairman on where we stand today but that people have to work together for the future of the Town of Rindge.

Ray Rodriguez said that he was in the military as were many of the people sitting in this room. He said he has respect for all of the people that Jed Brummer has identified. He said he just thinks things need to move at a slower pace.

John Whiting said that the voice of the people has been heard on voting day and that he is dead set against any board making a decision against the will of the people.

Roberta Oeser said that the Charrette represents a point in time. She said she does not believe it should be part of the Master Plan. She said that the key here is that our zoning ordinances must be based on a chapter of the Master Plan. Her personal feeling is that the Charrette should have been an appendice. Zoning does not have to be based on appendices. Roberta said she would hate to see the Charrette be lost and not available for reference, as long as it is not a chapter. She said if the Charrette were not a chapter, no zoning would be based on it, but it would be available for research.

An unidentified woman asked if there was not a way to find a medium ground so that people were not so angry at each other. Chairman Whitney said tonight, we need to address the matter at hand and in the future, we would move forward toward that.

Chairman Whitney closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Jonah Ketola moved to remove the chapter entitled Community Design which contains the Charrette from the Master Plan. Charlie Eicher seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-1-0 (Kim McCummings voted no).**

Kim McCummings said that she feels it necessary to explain her vote. She said she is not one who thinks it is correct to cut out or take away a history just because she doesn't believe in it. She said she thinks by removing this, we limit ourselves and that is why she voted the way she did. She said she hears the people all loudly and clearly and hopes that they will continue to show up and participate in this process but she believes that if we remove things from history that we don't agree with we go down a very slippery path.

Al Lefebvre, Old New Ipswich Road, said that broadband internet communication is important to bring industry and jobs to town; that a lot of people are working from home today; and he was curious about what is in our Master Plan that addresses those needs. Chairman Whitney invited Mr. Lefebvre to come to the Planning Office and review that part of the Master Plan.

4. Old Business

a. Continued from March 4, 2014: Consideration of Major Site Plan Review for a convenience store and coffee shop with drive up, gas station and car wash as submitted by West of the Border, LLC. The property is located at Tax Map 7, Lot 16-1-2 at 1044 NH Route 119 and is in the Gateway East Zoning District.

Kirk Stenersen of Higher Design presented the case before the board. He said that he has submitted revised plans which included changes requested at the last meeting. They included:

- Tax map and lot numbering typo corrected
- Handicapped parking space shown
- Change from 6 inch to 12 inch drainage pipe per engineering review comment
- The addition of a lighting plan

Kirk said that he has submitted the signage rendering, although it is not yet guaranteed that this will be an Irving Station. The size of these signs is larger than what is allowed and his thought would be to condition the approval upon meeting the requirements of the sign ordinance or seeking a variance.

Bruce Donati asked about elevations for the carwash. Kirk provided him with a plan which is also available in the Planning Office. Kirk said that the colors may change depending upon whom Ahmad secures as the provider for gasoline. Should it be Irving, it will be blue, but should it end up being Gulf or another vendor, the colors would change.

Chairman Whitney opened the Public Hearing.

Phil Simeone asked what the lights physically looked like. Kirk said he did not know. Phil asked about pole mounted lights. Kirk showed him on the plan where there were at least 6 pole mounted lights. Jonah Ketola asked how these lights might be different from the post office lighting. Kirk said these lights are LED. Bruce Donati asked the location for the backup power source for the gasoline tank alarm system. Kirk said that this was no longer needed due to the passage of Article 30 on the town warrant. The variance that Ahmad obtained would no longer be needed and the tanks would now be double walled and not triple walled and the condition of a backup power supply for the alarm system would not be required. Roberta Oeser asked about hours of operation and recommended that those stay the same. Should Ahmad want to extend hours, he would need to come back before the board. Jonah Ketola said he would like to see the proposed septic vent relocated. Kirk said this would have to be completely refigured, but Ahmad could put this in any location he decides would be best. Bruce Donati asked about the Fire Dept. letter as it pertained to the landscaping at the egress door. Kirk said there will be no shrubs in front of the egress/door. David Drouin asked if it was safe to assume that the existing lighting would be removed and replaced in its entirety. Kirk said that was the plan. Roberta Oeser asked about ledge on this site. Kirk said he had done tests and was down almost 9 feet. He said there is a lot of fill.

Chairman Whitney closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Roberta Oeser moved to approve the application for site plan for West of the Border subject to the following conditions. Kim McCummings seconded the motion. **Vote: 7-0-0**

1. Approval is subject to all state required approvals and includes DES approval for septic holding tanks, DOT drive up permit, State requirements for fuel storage tanks, well permits.
2. Hours of Operation will remain as they currently are.
3. Signs must be in accordance with the Town of Rindge Sign ordinance unless relief is granted by the ZBA.

b. Conceptual Consultation: Andy Cotzin, Map 33 Lot 25, Village District

Andy Cotzin addressed the board with his questions as it pertained to opening a tool store. He said he doesn't know what he needs to do as far as the town is concerned. He said he is still obtaining financing and working other details, but is interested in gathering the information to know what he has to do. Initially, he would be talking about small tools, but perhaps expand to rental of larger bobcats or trucks, etc. in the future. Roberta Oeser said he would need to seek a variance for the larger equipment. Phil Simeone asked the square footage of the building right now and if he will be doing any major renovations? Roberta Oeser said that the best person for Andy to speak with is Dave Duvernay. Chairman Whitney and Kim McCummings told Andy Cotzin to be sure to tell Dave Duvernay everything he might be considering to make sure it is all allowed. Chairman Whitney said that there would need to hold a public hearing for approval and people may not want large equipment in the village district. He would take that risk. Roberta Oeser said this property is quite close to the Gateway District

5. Planning Department Report

a. Website to go live May 1, 2014

Chairman Whitney said we have everything on our website right now, minutes, documents, decisions, etc. that go back 10 years. This will need to transfer to the new website. Susan said she is meeting next Tuesday with Nicole to train on how to use this new website. She said she is comfortable in 'cleaning it up' with the one year's worth of data that is on there to go live on May 1, but is not comfortable in having the time to transfer 10 year's worth of data. Phil Simeone said more help is needed for Susan in the planning office. Hank Whitney said we would address that in non-public later this evening. Susan Hoyland asked if the Planning Board wanted all of what is on the old website to be moved to the new website. The Board said they would want all the information moved forward. Roberta Oeser said that she thought Mainstay was going to move more data. She will check into that.

6. Work Meeting

a. Appointment of members to EDTF and CIP

MOTION: Charlie Eicher nominated Bruce Donati to fill the seat left vacant by Burt Goodrich on the Economic Development Task Force. Kim McCummings seconded the motion. **Vote: 7-0-0**

CIP appointment: Kim McCummings said she is unable to fill that seat at this time. No other board member was able to make the commitment at this time for that committee. Roberta Oeser said not to worry about it at this time. This will be discussed again.

b. Appointment of member to Town Gown

Charlie Eicher said that the Planning Director represented the Planning Board on the Town Gown committee. Currently Charlie is a resident member of that committee. This committee meets the 4th Tuesday from 3PM to 5PM. A discussion ensued as to how best to fill this seat. Kim McCummings read the statute RSA 672:7.

MOTION: Roberta Oeser moved to table the discussion about the Town Gown seat vacancy until April 15, 2014. Hank Whitney seconded the motion. **Vote: 7-0-0**

c. Discussion: David Drouin, ConCom

David Drouin said he is before the Planning Board for a favor. He said ConCom has hired a clerk. They need to train her. No one on their commission really knows the day to day part of the job. He said it would make sense if they could have the Planning Board clerk who is also Zoning Board clerk, to train this person. Hank asked if David Drouin needed an answer this evening. . Hank said the Board is going to address Susan's workload in non-public. David Drouin said this person is also going to need a workspace. He said Ellen Smith said they are cleaning out an area downstairs that may be available. David Drouin asked if there was a possibility that a computer terminal might be available in the Planning Office. He said he expects this person will work from home onto a thumb drive but will need to be able to print and transfer data at town office. He said ConCom needs someone to walk this person through the town process. David Drouin said he would like this person to be able to come into the town office for the first few months. He suggested 5-8 hours per month. Roberta Oeser said that the extra work space in the planning office may be available. David Drouin said they wanted a smooth transition. Charlie Eicher said that the word 'train' had been used and weren't they really asking for someone to familiarize this person with the office and processes but not 'train' a ConCom clerk. David Drouin said he didn't know the clerk's job inside out. Roberta Oeser said an inventory was being done on computers and ConCom could get a log in for the laptop. They want to make sure that everything is kept at Town Office, unlike in the past where things were on someone's personal computer. He said that he had asked the Town Administrator to get the files from the past clerk. Roberta Oeser said she would check on that.

7. Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIb

MOTION: Roberta Oeser moved to go to Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIb

Kim McCummings seconded the motion. **Roll call vote:**

Jonah Ketola: AYE: Bruce Donati: AYE: Hank Whitney: Phil Simeone: AYE: Robert Oeser: AYE: Charlie Eicher: AYE: Holly Koski: AYE: Kim McCummings: AYE.

Adjourn: 9:30 PM
