

**PLANNING BOARD
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
June 11, 2013**

DATE: June 11, 2013 TYPE: Public Meeting APPROVED: July 16, 2013

TIME: 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL ALTERNATES:

EX OFFICIO: Roberta Oeser

PLANNING DIRECTOR:

PLANNING SECRETARY: Susan Hoyland

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

OTHERS PRESENT Phil Stenersen

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phil Simeone said that he had attended a meeting on Saturday for the Pearly Pond grant. He updated the board on the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 4, 2013 Public Session

MOTION: Phil Simeone moved to accept the minutes of June 4, 2013 as written. Charlie Eicher seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-1 Kirk Stenersen abstained.

b. June 4, 2013 Non Public Session (not sealed)

MOTION: Phil Simeone moved to accept the minutes of June 4, 2013 nonpublic session. Charlie Eicher seconded the motion. . Vote 5-0-0 (Roberta Oeser left the room momentarily)

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Impact Fee Ordinance Discussion

Chairman Stenersen said that he is aware of a strong faction within the Town of Rindge who would like to see the Impact Fee Ordinance rescinded in its entirety. He said it may be beneficial for the Planning Board to review the ordinance at this time, making amendments and presenting an

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amended version to the town's people for input via a Public Hearing. The revised ordinance could then be put before the voters at Town Meeting 2014. Chairman Stenersen said that one approach might be to suspend all residential impact fees and only retain commercial impact fees.

Roberta Oeser said that suspending the fees for a period of two years may be an appropriate response at this time. Charlie Eicher said that sun setting the ordinance may be an approach to consider. The Board discussed the benefits of this ordinance versus the burden it places on the individual taxpayer/new construction within the Town of Rindge. Bruce Donati, Phil Simeone and Hank Whitney all agreed that more information was needed to continue this discussion. Roberta Oeser said that multifamily dwellings (apartments) should be considered a commercial use.

Phil Stenersen said that our nation is 16 trillion dollars in debt, and while we cannot do anything about what is happening in Washington, we can help Rindge to turn things around. He said one of the biggest economic drivers is housing and by eliminating the residential impact fees, we could assist the recovery of the economy through lower housing prices.

Kim McCummings arrived at 7:30PM.

The Planning Board agreed that more information was needed prior to continuing work on this ordinance and that a subcommittee was not necessary at this time. Further discussion will take place at the next Planning Board meeting after gathering more facts. The Board agreed that it would need the following information:

- A breakdown of total fees collected and spent since this ordinance was adopted, separated by Commercial versus Residential with as much individual detail as possible. . (from Ellen Smith, Accountant)
- The impact to town departments and the town tax rate should this ordinance be sunsetted
- The original intention of this ordinance and whether or not those goals were met.
- Exploration of how many towns in New Hampshire currently have an active impact fee ordinance

b. Pet Cemetery at Cathedral of the Pines

The Planning Board discussed the potential plan to add a pet cemetery at the Cathedral of the Pines. The Planning Board determined that there was no need to request a site plan review for this minor addition.

Motion: Kim McCummings moved to send a memorandum to the Cathedral of the Pines advising them of tonight's decision and asking that they adhere to any and all state regulations including the NH DES WMD-SW-20 as it pertains to Pet Cemeteries. Phil Simeone seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0**

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c. Outreach for Public Input Session for NH Community Planning Grant: 20 minute discussion

Chairman Stenersen said that the June 20th date for the Community Outreach meeting would be changed to June 27, 2013 unless Board members had any objections to that date change. The meeting will take place at the West Rindge United Methodist Church from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

The Board reviewed Roger Hawk's flyer for this event and approved it with a minor typographical correction.

The Planning Board provided Susan Hoyland with a comprehensive list of groups and contact names to be used for marketing this event.

Kim McCummings agreed to hand out flyers at the transfer station on Saturday as well as at the Farmer's Market next week. Charlie Eicher agreed to provide Susan Hoyland with some assistance in obtaining email addresses for many of the local organizations.

d. Filling of the Planning Director Position

The Board discussed the Planning Director position and decided to begin the process again by reposting the ad with a new salary range.

Kim McCummings agreed to assist Susan Hoyland in finding the original advertisements that had been placed by Matt Henry.

5. Planning Department Report

- a. Michael Burt request to waive Driveway Bond. The Board took a straw vote and found no basis to waive the driveway bond in this instance.
- b. Meeting on July 2nd. The Board decided not to have a meeting on July 2, 2013 as this is the night of the Town Deliberative session. The next meeting will take place on July 16, 2013.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hoyland
Planning Secretary