

Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2014
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**PLANNING BOARD
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
June 17, 2014**

DATE: June 17, 2014 **TYPE: Public Meeting** **APPROVED: July 1, 2014**
TIME: 7:00 pm
CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm
ROLL CALL MEMBERS: Vice Chairman Phil Simeone, Bruce Donati, Sam Bouchie, Jonah Ketola
ROLL CALL ALTERNATES: Kim McCummings, Holly Koski
ABSENT: Hank Whitney, Charlie Eicher
EX OFFICIO: Roberta Oeser
PLANNING DIRECTOR:
PLANNING SECRETARY: Susan Hoyland
APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES: Holly Koski to sit for Charlie Eicher; Kim McCummings to sit for Hank Whitney
OTHERS PRESENT: Phyllis McKeon, Larry Cleveland,

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Announcements

Roberta Oeser attended the Planner's Conference at UNH. She said this was an interesting conference which focused on demographics and what is happening within the state. Roberta Oeser said she will share more information at a later meeting.

Vice Chairman Phil Simeone said that he had attended the Town Gown Meeting. FPU is planning to have an Open House for parents and new students to do a tour of the town. Phil Simeone said that they discussed a grant to address drug abuse and plan to focus more on that issue.

Roberta Oeser said that July 2nd is the date for the fireworks.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. May 20, 2014

MOTION: Roberta Oeser moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2014 as written; Sam Bouchie seconded the motion; **Vote: 6-0-0**

3. Old Business

4. New Business

Discussion with Bruce Donati re: Economic Development Task Force

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Bruce Donati updated the Board on his recent activity as Chairman of the EDTF which included:

- Overview of the May 5th meeting at the library
- Overview of the June 9th meeting at the Town Office.
- The change of meeting time from the first Monday of each month to the second Monday of each month
- Plans to update the Real Estate Inventory for commercial properties. Jane Pitt, Bruce Donati and Candace Starrett have volunteered to work on this.
- Communication between Bruce Donati and Franklin Pierce University (Lisa Murray and Dr. Birge) and plans for an upcoming meeting with FPU. Roberta Oeser volunteered to participate in this meeting.
- Bruce's attendance at the Makerspace seminar in Peterboro. (Makerspaces are community-operated spaces where inventors, artists and other entrepreneurs share a space and tools to work on their projects.)
- Bruce's attendance at the Peterboro Chamber of Commerce meeting on June 4th where Jim Roche, President of the Business and Industry Association of NH explained his association's Strategic Economic Plan for New Hampshire. This 47 page plan can be downloaded from [www. BIAofNH.com/strategic](http://www.BIAofNH.com/strategic).

Bruce Donati and the Board discussed and reviewed the membership charter for the EDTF.

The seats from ConCom and from FPU have not been filled at this time. There are two resident/taxpayer seats that are presently filled and a third person interested in being appointed. Bruce asked how this can be changed to possibly add a third seat for a resident/taxpayer. Roberta Oeser said that it may need to go through a public hearing process as part of the Master Plan. Roberta Oeser said that a seat should not be added specifically for this person. Kim McCummings suggested perhaps an alternate position might be created. Bruce Donati said that the original Charge/Charter for this Task Force was the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. Phil Simeone asked if it was the Board of Selectmen or the Planning Board who has the final say on changes. Kim McCummings and Roberta Oeser both recalled that this was originally proposed by the Planning Board and then presented to the BOS. Phil Simeone clarified that three seats are currently not actively filled; ConCom, Planning Director, FPU. Roberta Oeser said that perhaps Kirk Stenersen could attend as the interim planning director. Vice Chairman Phil Simeone said that perhaps we could bring this up again for discussion at our next work meeting in July.

Bruce Donati presented suggested changes to the **Charge/charter/purpose** section of the EDTF Charge (original dated July 9, 2012)

Bruce Donati said that Article 29 of the March 11, 2014 town meeting requested removing the Plan NH Charrette from the Rindge Master Plan. This was supported by the voters. The chapter entitled Community Design (which contains the Charrette) was removed from the Master Plan at a public hearing held on April 1, 2014.

Bruce said that the original 'Charge' for the EDTF makes reference to the Charrette and needs to be amended to reflect this vote. Bruce Donati has suggested a change of language as follows:

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ORIGINAL LANGUAGE (partial excerpt): “The Task Force is specifically responsible for the overall implementation of REDI, its action plan and the Charrette”

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE (partial excerpt): “The Task Force is specifically responsible for the overall implementation of the Rindge Master Plan, specifically the Rindge Economic Development Initiative and its action plan; it considers the Charrette a separate document, a historical resource, available as an option to assist with the town’s future planning.”

Vice Chairman Phil Simeone said that this is something that needs to be considered. Kim McCummings asked that this be put on an agenda for the next work meeting for further discussion. Roberta Oeser said that, in keeping the public hearing notifications to a minimum, we may want to combine the Telecommunications addition to the Master Plan and possibly the Charter for the EDTF on one public hearing.

5. Planning Department Report

Vice Chairman Phil Simeone said that the Walmart Wastewater Treatment plans have arrived and we have noticed for a public hearing to be held on July 1, 2014. These plans have been sent out for engineering review. Vice Chairman Phil Simeone said that we also have a PURD coming before the Board on July 1, 2014.

Roberta Oeser said that when this Board was looking for a planning director a year and a half ago, she had suggested contemplating the concept of advertising for a full time 4 day a week, 32 to 36 hour position at the same pay scale as we have in our budget. She said she shared this concept with many planners at the conference and it was received favorably. Roberta said that come fall, we may want to talk about this. Vice Chairman Simeone asked that this be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next work meeting.

Adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hoyland
Planning Secretary