

**PLANNING BOARD
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 29, 2005
MINUTES**

DATE: March 29, 2005 TYPE: Public Hearing DATE APPROVED: 04/05/05

TIME: 7:00-8:30 PM. James Hoard

CALL TO ORDER, at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Katie Duffy, James Hoard, Dave Tower, Roberta Oeser, Robyn Payson

ALTERNATES: Robyn Payson for Dr. Gerry Parker

James Hoard opened the meeting and introduced the board. Katie Duffy began the meeting by describing routine review procedure and discussion of plans and goals for the year ahead. Topics included Planning Board Books, work schedule, and goals for the upcoming year.

ALTERNATES: James Hoard read Paul O'Connor's letter of resignation from his alternate position. Dave Tower stated that historically the Board has considered people that have been alternates before, or candidates who have run and not been successful first. He went on to say he would be in favor of Kim McCummings and Dick Isakson for their experience, and if there are two more vacant positions, to advertise. James Hoard said that they would be considered first for the positions. Katie Duffy stated that the Board also had to come to an agreement as to a procedure of the seating of alternates. Dave Tower stated it is important that an alternate be appointed that has the most experience on a case. If it's a new hearing and an alternate is appointed then that alternate should sit for the remainder of the hearing. Katie asked if Robyn Payson could keep track of who sits on each case. Robyn agreed to give James Hoard a list indicating who sat on each case. Appointment would be on a rotating basis, based on attendance.

IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE: There was disagreement as to which developments are exempt from the Impact Fee Ordinance. Dave Tower suggested the Board ask for a legal opinion for a clear interpretation of the issue. He went on to suggest that it was important for the board to try and adopt a fee schedule as this ordinance has been adopted by the Town. Katie Duffy recommended that the Board adopt the lowest fee schedule initially and revisit the issue in a year. Roberta Oeser said that although she understood the need for the fee, it seemed like an undue burden to the person building one home. James Hoard said he felt that the fee should start low. Dave Tower said that it was important to come to a decision because collecting something was better than collecting nothing. Dave Druin said that a \$7,000.00 fee on a \$200,000.00 home was only 4%. And it is not a lot of money when we have all these facilities that are overburdened. Katie Duffy said that after the input from the concerned citizens she made a motion to adopt Impact Fee Schedule table 7, which is the second lowest Fee Schedule to start with. Dave Tower 2nd Motion passed unanimously. James Hoard stated that the Public Hearing was now closed.

WORK MEETING

Katie Duffy stated that yearly the Board discusses the hours of the Planning Office and how convenient they are for the customers. She asked the board if they felt that the hours needed to be extended or if they were appropriate. It was decided that issues regarding the Planning Office would be discussed with Jo Anne. Katie also as for follow up on the Board's recommendations

with the to the BOA. Other topics discussed were setting up and prioritizing the work schedule for the year, new copies of all current ordinances for the Planning Board members books as well as copies of the finalized budget and CIP for the book. Katie wanted copy of the Master Plan in a loose-leaf binder with sections with all of the updates included. She also wanted a copy of last year's work schedule to help the Board prioritize the projects for the year.

Motion to adjourn-Dave Tower

Robyn Payson

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Payson