

**PLANNING BOARD
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
November 6, 2012**

DATE: November 6, 2012 **TYPE:** Planning Board Meeting **APPROVED:** Nov. 20, 2012
TIME: 7:02 pm - 7:50 pm
CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 pm
ROLL CALL MEMBERS: Chairman Kirk Stenersen, Phil Simeone, Hank Whitney, Mike Quinlan
ROLL CALL ALTERNATES: None
EX OFFICIO:
PLANNING DIRECTOR: Matt Henry
PLANNING SECRETARY: Susan Hoyland
APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES:
OTHERS PRESENT: Catherine Koning, Dick Issacson, Robert Scribner, Kelen Geiger, Mark Geiger

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Kirk Stenersen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) October 2, 2012

Motion: Phil Simeone moved to “approve the meeting minutes October 2, 2012”.
Hank Whitney seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-1 Mike Quinlan abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION of an application for a Voluntary Lot Merger: Mark and Kelen Geiger wish to merge Tax Map 45, lots 114 and 116

Matt Henry said that the applicant is essentially looking to merge two lots on the southerly portion of Contoocook Lake. The lots are substandard in that they are historical ‘tent lots’ that people once purchased to gain access to Contoocook Lake. Matt said that there are no issues with this request, no deed restrictions that the town staff is aware of, and therefore, Matt Henry made a recommendation to the Planning Board to approve this voluntary lot merger. Matt Henry also advised the Board that there would be no legal requirement for a Public Hearing in this matter.

Chairman Stenersen asked the Geigers if both of these lots contained a home. The Geigers answered that there is only one lot with a home.

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Phil Simeone asked the Geigers if the gridlines on the plan were roads. Mr. Geiger answered that they were paper roads that are no longer used as such.

Chairman Stenersen asked the Board for any further questions. As there were none, he made a suggestion to the Board that they might want to consider empowering the Planning Director to approve these applications in the future as their “designee”.

MOTION: Phil Simeone moved to approve the voluntary lot merger. Mike Quinlan seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0

DISCUSSION: Catherine Koning, professor at Franklin Pierce University regarding Pearly Pond grant.

Catherine Koning introduced Dick Isaacson and Robert Scribner of the Pearly Pond Association.

They are presenting before the Planning Board today in hopes of partnering with the Town of Rindge in their effort to obtain a planning grant, initially, and ultimately, an implementation grant toward Pearly Pond restoration. Catherine Koning said that this would be EPA money administered through NH DES.

She briefed the board with a short history of problems at Pearly Pond including:

- Increased phosphorus
- Large algae berms which have caused the pond to be closed to swimming
- Pearly Pond has been listed in the EPA final 2010 303 d list as impaired by total phosphorus, cyanobacteria, hepatotoxic microcystins and e. coli.
- Recently, conductivity has been increasing, indicating potential non-point source problems

The planning grant will:

- Identify pollution causes and sources
- Estimate pollution reduction needs
- Identify actions needed to reduce pollution
- Estimate costs and authority
- Provide direction toward outreach and education
- Create success indicators and evaluation tools
- Create a monitoring plan

Once the planning grant is approved, Franklin Pierce will be eligible to apply for the funding to implement the plan.

Catherine Koning asked if the Planning Board would be interested in taking an official role in this process. She shared that the Town of Rindge Conservation Commission is already on

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board. Specifically, she is asking for a letter of support, volunteer labor toward matching funds and possibly sending one member to serve on their Advisory Council.

Matt Henry asked for a timeframe for this grant. Catherine said that her best guess is that this would begin in early spring although the entire process may take two years.

Mike Quinlan asked for details on the impaired water determination. Mr. Isaacson provided some history of the phosphorus problems, the impaired water determination and the milfoil issues that trouble Pearly Pond.

Hank Whitney asked about potential septic problems and who the ruling authority would be. Some discussion followed. Catherine Koning said that financial assistance was available for neighbors who may find that they have a septic problem and need repairs that they may not be able to afford.

Mr. Isaacson asked if the Planning Board belonged to SWRPC. Chairman Stenersen informed Mr. Isaacson that as of this time, the Town did not belong to the Southwest Regional Planning Commission as the cost to value ratio did not meet the Planning Board criteria during these budget cutting times. Chairman Stenersen advised Mr. Isaacson that the Board of Selectman were reviewing the decision to join or not join SWRPC and it was not decided at this time. Mr. Isaacson said there were some things that SWRPC may be able to help them with but that they would pay the non-member rate if we could not help them in that direction. Catherine Koning said that most of their information could be gleaned through State channels.

Phil Simeone volunteered to serve on the advisory committee.

After further discussion, the members of the Board agreed that this would be a good venture and Chairman Stenersen asked Matt Henry to write a letter of support to DES on behalf of Catherine Koning, Franklin Pierce College and the Pearly Pond Watershed Management program.

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION: Driveway Regulation revisions

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION: Small Wind Energy System Zoning Ordinance

Chairman Stenersen decided that these work sessions should be moved to the next meeting date due to the small number of board members in attendance this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion regarding possible revocation of Planning Board Approval for Michael Drive

Matt Henry shared with the Planning Board that Mr. Hakala had come in to speak with him and was working with a bank to obtain a letter of credit. The timeline for this is 4-5 weeks. Matt Henry recommended giving Mr. Hakala and Mr. Olin five weeks to obtain the LOC and address the issue again if the LOC is not obtained.

PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Matt Henry reported the following:

1. Subcommittee Meeting Times and Updates
2. Updates
 - a. Regulatory Review
 - b. Excavation Permit- Mr. Kohlmorgen has agreed to level abandoned excavation site.
3. Workshops/Meetings
4. Bonds- Michaels Drive update
5. Upcoming Meetings/Review Status
 - a. **November 20, 2012**
 - Minor Subdivision-Heikkinen Map 7 Lot 91
 - Sign Ordinance
 - Zoning?
 - Driveway Regulation revisions
 - Small Wind Energy System Zoning Ordinance
 - b. **December 4, 2012**
 - Zoning Amendments
 - TIF/79E Discussion
 - Regulatory Review Draft
 - c. **December 18, 2012**
 - Zoning Amendments – Final Form

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

NEXT MEETING
November 20, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hoyland
Planning Secretary