

**PLANNING BOARD
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
September 15, 2009**

DATE: September 15, 2009 **TYPE: Work Meeting** **DATE APPROVED: 10/6/09**

TIME: 7:00PM-PM **CHAIR: Kim McCummings**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

ROLL CALL MEMBERS: Kim McCummings, Roberta Oeser, Rick Godin, Kirk Stenersen, Tim Halliday, Hank Whitney

ROLL CALL ALTERNATES: Robyn Payson, Art Fiorelli, Chris Asaff, Phil Simeone

EX OFFICIO: Alternate Pat Barry

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Jane Pitt

PLANNING ASSISTANT: Robyn Payson

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES NA

Announcements

Radio Frequency Consultant-The radio frequency consultant has been hired. His name is Ivan Pagacik. He has a lot of experience assisting towns with cell tower applications. He was on the recommended list of the Office of Energy and Planning as well as recommended by US Cellular. Jane has his resume and list of towns he has worked for in the past.

The Planning Office has not received any new information from US Cellular yet. The next hearing is scheduled for October 6, 2009.

Senior Housing-they are intending to drill a well some time in October but have not specified a date yet.

Old Business

Radius North

Roberta said she got an e-mail from someone saying there was a "tower" and wanted to know when it had been approved

Jane said she wanted to go back to Jared Van Dyke who had erected a tower in Taggart Meadows without getting a permit to explain her thought process on this. Dave DuVernay notified her of the problem and contacted Mr. Van Dyke we apologized to him but told him that he needed to go through the process because of the type of tower he put up. We apologized for the ordinance which is confusing and most likely way behind the times. We put him through the process in one night.

Later, Craig Clark, Carlota, Jed Brummer and Bob Close were proposing putting up utility poles for Radius North Craig Clark said the intent of the Ordinance was to regulate towers not poles. When Granite Connection came in, they did an informal consultation, and the Board took no further action. Jane made the decision to let the utility poles go through without going to the Planning Board.

Town has been trying to attract this type of business and the residents need this type of service. The service is good for the economic development for the town.

Chris Asaff said read the ordinance and agrees but was concerned about selective enforcement.

Kirk has no issue with the way it was handled. But was not sure if he would have done it the same way.

Kim said the difference is that Jared's issue came up via Code Enforcement. When it did come up, Jane went out and took a look at it. Kim also said when someone from the public contacts her and asks a question she refers them directly to the Planning Director.

Tim we are all in agreement the ordinance needs work and was surprised it was not announced. He thought it would be good publicity for the new company. His concern was that the height of the poles was not the same as a standard utility pole and that might be a problem for someone if they saw it erected on their property line.

Jane agreed that she made an error by not announcing Radius North the Board in announcements and will remember to do so in the future.

Pat Barry its pretty uniform nobody is against how Jane handled it but is concerned about the lack of consistency in the gap between now and when the ordinance is updated.

Jane said the problem is this town has is the perception of being anti-business.

Pat Martin wanted to know what other towns do. Rindge doesn't want to be perceived as difficult.

Hank Whitney asked if Rindge is perceived as hard to get along with. We want internet service but he is concerned if is someone were putting a pole up on a property line.

Following further discussion about when or if the Board should get involved in small projects or leave them to the discretion of the Planning Director, Kirk made a motion to take no action Rick Godin seconded the motion carried unanimously.

Jane's decision on Radius North stands.

Subcommittee Reports

- Driveway-Will schedule a meeting
- Telecommunications-Meeting Tuesday in Planning Office
- Impact Fee -First meeting to be scheduled
- Master Plan- Has met three times reading through all reports and study's that have been done over the years. There is a lot of unfinished business in the 2020 study Burt wants to review this. The meetings are the first and third Tuesdays at 6:00 pm before the Planning Board meetings.

PURD Kirk reviewed the regulation wants to see it posted for public hearing. The purpose of the changes was to address the new work force housing bill. A density bonus was added as an incentive. The PURD is in all zones. There is a section on Workforce PURD's added. There was also some general clean up done.

Kirk reviewed the changes to the PURD regulation which include addressing the new Work Force Housing statute.

Roberta made a motion to post the PURD regulation for public hearing October 20, 2009 Kirk Stenersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Projects Needing Follow-up

Jane reviewed projects previously approved that had conditions. Roberta suggested sending out letters asking if the conditions have been met. Kim said the Planning office should determine if these conditions have been met and get back to the Planning Board.

Chris Asaff suggested adding a yearly cleaning of detention pond and sign permit

Rules of Procedure

Robyn distributed the most recently updated copy of the Rules of Procedure and the information she compiled on Alternates.

NEXT MEETING

October 6, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Payson