

## **TOWN OF THORNTON Business Meeting Minutes**

The Thornton Planning Board met and held a business meeting on  
Thursday, May 3, 2007 @ 6:00 PM

Board Members present: Barry Van DeMoere, Chairman, Jim Parziale, Selectmen, Tom Anderson, Nancy Byerly, Sandy MacIntosh, Sally Kriebel, Tyler Phillips, Tyler Stearns, Russ Gilman, Ron Jansen and Marianne Peabody, Secretary.

Chairman Van DeMoere opened this meeting at 6:00 PM.

First order of business: Tape recording hearing minutes –Board Members would like to have all hearing meetings taped. The Secretary admits that she has not been consistent with this request, and will make an effort to see that each hearing is taped.

### **RSA 155:E – Grandfathered Excavation**

Board Members discussed the definition of RSA 155:E and how they should proceed regarding the letter of opinion received from Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell Attorney's at Law on behalf of Sunset Rock/Brox Industries, Inc. A motion was made and seconded to draft a letter and send the entire packet to Upton & Hatfield Law Office, Attorney Bart Mayer. For his review and direction. VOTED 7-0

### **Procedures & Policies**

On site, inspections were discussed relating to all applications for subdivision. Board Members discussed if all proposed sites should be seen or when the Board found it necessary to familiarize themselves with the development. Chairman, Van DeMoere explained that some developments look better on site than on paper and in all fairness to the applicant the Board should view the site. It was decided to add on-site inspections on the application acceptance checklist. The on –site inspection would be considered on a case by case basis. Scheduled and discussed at the next business meeting or hearing.

### **Subdivision road construction material and compaction inspections were discussed.**

Board members discussed in length what method to use during construction and prior to paving to be sure that new subdivision roads were constructed to subdivision road construction standards. As “built plans” with a qualified stamp, a more detailed checklist, another line item in the letter of credit were some of the items discussed to help prevent extra cost associated with roads that are not constructed according to town standards. If construction is done and paving complete, it becomes costly for the developer, excavator and the association. More on this discussion at our next business meeting.

**Alternate planning board members** - After discussion it was agreed by Board Members that alternates would be choose by the Chairman to fill in for permanent members not present or having to reclude themselves. IN the case of filling a permanent position, the Board will vote on filling the vacancy. Names will be drawn as needed.

**Irregular shaped lots** – The question is what is the definition of an irregular shaped lot. Our subdivision regulations state “ Irregular shaped lots are not allowed” Board Member Tyler Phillips drew an irregular shaped lot on the board and explained his interpretation of this lot. Board Members agreed with Tyler P. Tyler P. has agreed to bring in a formula defining angles for the full Boards review. This will be discussed further at our next business meeting.

**Master Plan – Board Member Sally Kriebel would like to see all Board Members have a copy of the latest master plan to use for reference. Copies will be distributed at our next business meeting.**

**Nancy Byerly – Nancy announced that she will be leaving Thornton and moving to North Carolina to be closer to family. Chairman, Van De Morere presented to Board Member Nancy Byerly a bouquet of flowers from the planning board, thanking her for the years of dedicated service to the planning board. Nancy will attend the next hearing and submit her letter of resignation at that time.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Marianne Peabody**  
Secretary