

TOWN OF THORNTON
Planning Board Business Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: May 1, 2008

The Thornton Planning Board met and held a business meeting on,
Thursday, May 1, 2008, 6:00 PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Board Members present: Barry Van DeMoere, Chairman, Arthur Gross, Selectmen, Tom Anderson, Sandy MacIntosh, Russ Gilman, Carolyn Piantedosi, Fred Gunter and Marianne Peabody, Secretary.

Jim Demeritt and Sally Davis present.

Chairman Van DeMoere opened this meeting with the first order of business.

Waiver Procedure – In April an e-mail was received from our planning board engineering firm with attachments. The subject was Subdivision Waiver Request and Waiver Request Worksheets. The first sentence read as follows: As many of you are aware, last year the NH Supreme Court, in the matter of Auger v Town of Strafford, issued a precedent setting decision that effectively suggests a planning board must consider and vote upon requests for waivers from the requirements of a municipality's subdivision regulations in a formal manner. As you know, RSA 674:36, ll. (n) Stipulates that any subdivision regulations adopted by a municipality must “include provision for waiver of any portion of the regulations in such cases where, in the opinion of the planning board, strict conformity would pose an unnecessary hardship to the applicant and waiver would not be contrary to the spirit and intent of the regulations.”

Board Members discussed and reviewed the suggested worksheet and request for waiver submitted from Engineer, Steve Keach. The planning board has always requested a waiver in writing from the developer/applicant and the waiver has always been mentioned in the minutes. In an effort to create a better system the planning board voted unanimously to adopt the suggested forms and still require a request in writing from the developer/applicant. These added forms will be attached to the developer/applicant waiver request letter and placed on file. VOTED 7-0.

Master Plan – Board Members are in receipt of master plan questionnaires from previous years 1988, 1993, and 2003. The first step to this process is to create a new questionnaire for mailing to property owners.

The Secretary reported that she has contacted Giff Kriebel and Howard Clement to ask if they are interested in becoming a Master Plan or CIP Committee Member. Giff Kriebel is interested in both committees. We will be placing a notice in the newspaper looking for interested citizens to volunteer. The first master plan committee meeting will be established at the next planning board hearing date.

Master Plan Committee Members

Fred Gunter
Carolyn Piantedosi
Sally Davis
Jim Demerett
Giff Kriebel
Jim Parziale

CIP Committee Members

Cindy Schofield
Sally Davis
Ron Jansen
Jim Demerett
Giff Kriebel
Jim Parziale

Excavation Spring Visits

Excavation spring visits will begin on Thursday, May 15, 2008 @ 4:30 PM
The first groups of excavation pit visits are: Leigh Johnston grandfather pit and Dirt Design grandfather pit both on Laundromat Rd. Then onto Leigh Johnston permitted pit on Route 3.

Other Business

The Selectmen have requested to meet with the Planning Board and Road Agent to discuss driveway permit procedure. Discussion will center on RSA 236:13 V. VI. Driveways and Other Accesses to the Public Way. June 5, 2008, 6:15 PM has been scheduled.

This meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.
Next scheduled hearing will be held on May 15, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted

Marianne Peabody
Secretary
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