

EXETER PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2011

Chairwoman Kathy Corson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Nowak Room on the above date.

PRESENT: Chairwoman Kathy Corson, Vice Chairman Ken Knowles, Members: Carol Sideris, and Katherine Woolhouse, Alternate Members: Clerk Lang Plumer and Pete Cameron, Town Planner Sylvia von Aulock and Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Barbara McEvoy. It was noted that all board members in attendance would be voting.

Chairwoman Corson announced that the informational meeting regarding the proposed Jady Hill area sewer project was taking place this evening across the street at the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: PUBLIC HEARINGS

Second public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Town of Exeter Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments are available at the Planning Department Office in the Town Office Building. The proposed amendments to be discussed are as follows:

Amend Article 9.1.5 Permitted Uses, by adding two new subsections (G. and H.) for the allowance of decks, sheds and the planting of trees and shrubs within the wetland buffer areas, to read as follows:

- G. Elevated, uncovered decks attached to an existing structure, free-standing gazebos or garden-type structures, and storage sheds (not exceeding 120 s.f. in size) may be placed within the buffer. The structures must be elevated on blocks, sonatubes or similar footing. All structures must maintain a minimum ten foot (10') setback from the edge of wetland. The intent of these allowances is to permit a homeowner with some flexibility for reasonable use of their property, while ensuring that the buffer will maintain its ability to absorb stormwater runoff.
- H. Native, non-invasive plantings such as trees and shrubs.

Ms. von Aulock indicated that all of the other proposed amendments had been supported by the Planning Board, with the exception of the one proposed to define "in-law and/or extended family use". She noted that it had been suggested that any further consideration to define this type of use could be addressed by the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC) and brought forward again next year. Ms. von Aulock stated that the proposed amendment being discussed this evening regarding permitted uses within the wetland buffer had been revised in accordance with Board discussion and public comment made at the last meeting. She read the proposed amendment into the record.

There being no Board discussion, Chairwoman Corson opened the hearing for public comment.

Mr. Don Woodward, a resident of the Exeter River Cooperative Mobile Home Park spoke in support of the proposed amendment noting that it would benefit the residents of the park and provide for a nicer community.

There being no further public comment, Chairwoman Corson closed the public portion of the hearing. She suggested that a list of native, non-invasive species, as well as invasive species would be beneficial information and could be made available to the public. Ms. von Aulock indicated that she would speak with Natural Resource Planner Kristen Murphy about composing a general listing such plantings.

Mr. Plumer moved to support the proposed amendment as written and move it forward to be placed on the town warrant; second by Mr. Knowles. VOTE: Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - None

TOWN PLANNER ITEMS

Ms. von Aulock updated the Board on the status of the Master Plan. She informed them that the \$25,000. budget line item for the continued update of the Master Plan had been cut from her budget. Therefore, she was soliciting volunteers for a subcommittee to continue on with the process. She commented that after the four-year process with the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC), she was going to set it aside for a while to see the Master Plan through to completion. She noted that she was also researching grant possibilities for the 'new' energy chapter. She noted that the time of the meetings can be flexible per the subcommittee. Ms. Sideris expressed an interest, although would only be available in the evenings.

REPORTS ON "OTHER COMMITTEE" ACTIVITY – None

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairwoman Corson indicated that there was no business scheduled for the Board's January 27th, 2011 meeting, and therefore, suggested that the meeting be cancelled. Board consensus was unanimous. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 10th, 2011.

Chairwoman Corson announced that a follow-up session to discuss the results of the Plan NH Train Station Neighborhood Charrette (public workshop) held in October 2010 was scheduled for Wednesday, January 26th, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Lincoln Street School.

Chairwoman Corson announced that the Town's Deliberative Session was being held on Saturday, February 5th, 2011 at 9:00 AM at the Exeter High School Auditorium (1 Blue Hawk Drive) and encouraged the residents to come out and participate.

Chairman Corson stated that she would no longer be participating as a member of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) subcommittee and asked for a volunteer to take her place. She noted that the CIP process would be starting up again in the spring, and she would be more than happy to discuss the subcommittee process with any of the members who may be interested.

She also announced that she was resigning as the Planning Board representative to the Historic District Commission (HDC) and asked for a volunteer to fill her vacancy.

There being no further business before the Board, ***Mr. Plumer moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Knowles. VOTE: Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.***

The next meeting of the Exeter Planning Board will be held Thursday, February 10th, 2011 at 7:00PM in the Novak Room at the Exeter Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

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