

Haverhill Planning Board Minutes

April 29, 2014

Draft Subject to Review, Correction, and Approval at Following Meeting

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board members present:

Don Hammond – Chair

Mike Bonanno

Tom Friel

Bill Daley

Tara Krause

Mike Simpson was not present. Ed Ballam, clerk, was present. There were no members of the public or applicants.

2. There were no alternates to designate.

3. The agenda was approved as written on a motion from Mike B., seconded by Bill D. The vote was unanimous.

4. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Mike B. seconded by Tom F. the vote was unanimous.

5. Public Appearances (Previously scheduled)

6. Correspondence/communications

Ed B. reminded the board of training from the NH Office of Energy and Planning in Whitefield on Saturday May 3. There was some discussion about availability of members. Ed B. said he was unable to go because of a conflict and Don H. said he would be in fire school that weekend. Mike B. and Tom F. expressed interest and said they would get back to Ed B. who said he would register any board member interested.

7. There were no reports of committees for the meeting.

8. Pending business. Ed B. said during discussions between Town Manager Glenn English and Dale Lewis, a farmer and proponent of the use of Sludge and Biosolids in Haverhill, it was discovered that the town's existing sludge ordinance may not apply to the use of Class A sludge. Ed B. said the board of selectmen have sent the issue to the town's lawyer for interpretation.

Ed B. said that in light of that new news, he did not send letters to potential candidates to serve on a committee to re-write the sludge ordinance. The board decided to wait until the town's lawyer renders and opinion about the status of the current ordinance before proceeding with any decisions about the next course of action.

Ed B. also said that gravel pit renewals need to have on-site inspections by the planning board. He said it would be best to wait for better weather and make sure all the snow and mud is gone. He said he would have information ready for the next meeting in May for the board to look at and then the board can pick a date for on-site inspections.

9.

Under discussion of new business, the board elected officers for 2014. Mike B. nominated Don H. to continue to serve as chairman, it was seconded by Tom F. The vote was unanimous.

Mike B. was nominated to continue as vice chairman of the board. His nomination was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

10. Other new business – none

11. There were no other public appearances that had not been scheduled or otherwise.

12. Comments of the clerk

Ed B. said there has been concerns raised about the timeliness of the minutes for the board. He said he had been spoken to by the town manager and urged to get the minutes done within the required five days. Ed B. told the board that because of lots of commitments, getting the minutes done in the RSA allotment was very difficult and he has always had them ready for the meeting for approval. He said if he was not able to meet the requirement, he may have to consider resigning as the Clerk of the Planning Board. The board was not in favor of that resolution. Tara K. offered to do the minutes when Ed B. knew he would not be able to meet the requirements. Ed B. said the issue is that there was predicting about availability to do the minutes. Ed B. said he would do his best to improve the timeliness of the minutes.

13. There were no comments of the Planning Board members.

14. There was no other business to be conducted by the board.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will be on May 27.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Ballam
Planning Board Clerk