

Haverhill Planning Board Minutes Oct. 22, 2013
Draft Subject to Review, Correction, and Approval at Following Meeting

Call to Order

Chairman Don Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board members present:

Don Hammond

Mike Bonanno

Tom Friel

Bill Daley

Mike Simpson

Board member Tara Krause was absent.

Also present was Planning Board Clerk Ed Ballam

Members of the public: none

2, Designation of Alternates

No alternates to designate

3. Agenda Approval

Mike S. made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Mike S.

The vote was unanimous.

4. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mike S. made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 24, 2013 meeting, seconded by Mike B. The vote was affirmative.

5. Scheduled Public Appearances

None

6. Correspondence/Communications

Ed B. mentioned that the selectmen at their Oct. 21 meeting discussed a ground water protection ordinance as a health issue. He said if the selectboard decided to pursue the ordinance, it will require some work by the planning board and it could require some public hearings too. He said it would be different from the aquifer protection ordinance.

Don H. said he believed the ordinance as conceived is Selectman Rick Ladd's attempt at governing the proposed chicken egg farm. Tom F. disagreed and said it was broader than that.

Ed B. said it would be for town wide applications to protect ground water throughout the whole town.

Tom F. said it would be to help combat problems with junkyards and illegal dumping.

Bill D. said he thought there were already rules about junk yards and illegal dumping. He wondered what the new ordinance would do.

Ed B. said the health officer, Steve Robbins, had a question about what the ordinance would accomplish that wasn't already covered, just as Bill D. had questioned.

Bill D. asked if it would require a town meeting approval. Ed B. said it would be a selectboard ordinance and would not require a town meeting vote. It would require public hearings, however, he said.

Tom F. said the ordinance was in its infancy at this point.

Ed B. said if a committee is formed, as the selectboard had discussed, it will require participation by the planning board.

Bill D. said he would volunteer to serve on the committee on behalf of the planning board should a committee be formed. The board agreed that Bill D. would be the person for the job.

7. Reports of Committees

None

8. Pending Business

Don H. said he had spoken to Brian Smith about the sludge ordinance and the planning board's interest in updating it. Don H. said Brian S. said he would attend the meeting, however he was not present. Don H. said because of that, the issue must not be pressing. Bill D. said he did not have a chance to speak to Dale Lewis. Bill D. said he will talk to him soon.

The board discussed a preliminary review of gravel pit applications. Ed B. said he had looked at the rules and the files and it appears it's an administrative exercise and could probably be done by the clerk. He said it appears that it's a matter of checking things and making sure the pits are in compliance and bond are in place as well as reclamation plans. Ed B. said the Planning Board would need to become involved if there were discrepancies or violations. He presented the board with files and information that he had found pertinent to the discussion. He said there will need to be a brief site visit to make sure the pits have not exceeded the plans. Otherwise, it was primarily clerical work. He said it appears the last review was done in 2008 so it's not far out of compliance.

Ed B. said if the board was comfortable, he would do an administrative review and present the information to the board and get the members involved as necessary.

9. Other New Business

None

10. Public Appearances (Not Previously Scheduled)

None

11. Comments of the Clerk

Ed B. mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for the same week as Thanksgiving. The board had no problem with it, but Don H. said he might have a conflict with a Twin State fire meeting. There was some discussion about the December meeting which would fall on Christmas Eve. The fifth Tuesday would be New Year's Eve. The board decided to have the December meeting on the third Tuesday on Dec. 17. Bill D. made a motion to hold the meeting on Dec. 17, Mike S. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

12. Comments of the Planning Board

13. Other

None

14. Adjournment/Next Regular Meeting

The meeting was adjourned 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is Nov. 26.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Ballam,
Planning Board Clerk