

**Haverhill Planning Board Minutes                      Sept. 24, 2013**  
**Draft Subject to Review, Correction, and Approval at Following Meeting**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Don Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 B. 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 Aug. 27 meeting, seconded by Mike B. The vote was affirmative with one abstention – Bill D., as he was not present at that meeting.

**5. Scheduled Public Appearances**

None

**6. Correspondence/Communications**

Don H. read a correspondence from the Haverhill Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding the application of for a special exception to the aquifer protection ordinance for a chicken egg production facility on Lummoxtown Road in Haverhill. He said the ZBA ordinance requires the Planning Board to be notified of the project and give an comments to the.

Ed B. described the project to the board and distributed maps of the site. Tom F. said he did not see how any of the planning board regulations could apply. He said it's not a subdivision.

Ed B. said the ZBA regulations say the town's planning board, health officer and conservation commission must all be notified of the project and given the opportunity to comment.

Mike S. asked if it was like a courtesy, or a formality. Ed B. said it is sort of a formality, however, if the board did have concerns or particular knowledge about the site, it would be important to convey that to the ZBA.

Mike S. wondered how many jobs it would create. Ed B. said not many, perhaps two or three. Bill D. said in most of those kinds of operations, everything is automated.

Bill D. said he had no idea how the aquifer worked in that area and wouldn't know how to add any information to the discussion.

Don H. said he had no problem with the project. Bill D. said there's almost no odor. Manure is dry when it is transported, Bill D. said. He said the facilities are fairly benign.

The board decided to say it has no issues with the project. Ed B. said he would make sure the ZBA understood the planning board's comments.

## **7. Reports of Committees**

None

## **8. Pending Business**

Tom F. said the board should pursue modifying and re-writing the town's sludge ordinance. Don H. agreed. There was some discussion of the existing ordinance. Tom F. said the board should ask Susie Tann and Shirley Grilli to help draft a new ordinance to allow "good" sludge to be used in Haverhill.

Ed B. said what the board really needs is to have the farmers who want to use sludge to be involved in the drafting of the ordinance and then invite Susie T. and Shirley G.

Don H. said he would talk to Pete Smith, a farmer who wanted to use sludge. He said if there was interest, the planning board would help with the ordinance and the public hearing process.

Don H. said he would also like to look at the ban on cell towers to see if there was a way to encourage cell towers in town. Ed B. said there is a personal communication ordinance already on the books in Haverhill which is part of the federal regulations. He said there is

no ban on cell towers in Haverhill, but they can be regulated by the local authorities. Ed B. said the real problem with cell towers is there's no provider who wants to service this area. He said there's probably no use in the board doing anything with the cell tower regulations.

Ed B. said if the board is looking for things to do, it should spend time reviewing gravel pit permits. Don H. asked the clerk to look into that.

9. **Other New Business**

None

10. **Public Appearances (Not Previously Scheduled)**

None

11. **Comments of the Clerk**

None

12. **Comments of the Planning Board**

None

13. **Other**

None

14. **Adjournment/Next Regular Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned 7:37 p.m. The next meeting is Oct. 22.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Ballam,  
Planning Board Clerk