

Planning Board

April 2, 2013

Members Present: Chair Ernie Allain, Mark Evans, Greg Estrella, Tom McCue, Richard Cassidy, Martha Creegan, Aline Boucher

Members Excused: Dave Morin, Fran Cusson, Sue Tremblay, and Lucie Remillard

Others Present: Pam Laflamme, Community Development Director; John White, Lori Langlois

Public Comments: None

March Minutes: Mr. McCue pointed out that he was listed as an ex-officio in the minutes, so noted. With that notation, Mr. McCue made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Boucher, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Allain appointed both Mr. Evans and Mr. Cassidy as voting members for the evening.

Board Elections: The positions of chair and vice chair are up for renewal. Mr. Estrella made a motion to appoint Mr. Allain as chair for another year, seconded by Ms. Creegan, all members voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Boucher made a motion to appoint Mr. Morin as vice chair for another year, seconded by Mr. Cassidy, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Board Membership: Ms. Laflamme shared with the board that Ms. Cusson has decided to not seek reappointment to the Planning Board. The board expressed its disappointment and their gratitude for her time with the board. The board asked Ms. Laflamme to have a letter of thanks sent to her for time and efforts on behalf of the board.

New Downtown Municipal Parking Lot and Curb Cut Request: Chair Allain reviewed the project and request with the board. 3 Glen Avenue which is owned by the City will be demolished in the near future and staff has determined the property has value as a parking area in downtown. There are extra funds to do this project and input is wanted from the Planning Board.

Chair Allain explained the curb cut request in detail to the board. Staff is looking for a 24 foot curb cut to allow for two way traffic in and out of the parking area. The improvements are to be low maintenance. There will be no overnight parking in this lot planned at this time. A lengthy discussion ensued about the project and questions were asked and answered.

Mr. McCue made a motion to approve the curb cut request and his motion was seconded by Ms. Boucher. Chair Allain asked for any discussion and Mr. Evans asked if the Public Works Director had been consulted. It was explained that Mr. Perreault was aware of the project and the request, but formal approval had not yet been given for the curb cut. Mr. McCue

agreed a condition of his motion should be that the Public Works Director reviews the application and approves it as well. The board voted in favor of the amended motion.

Other: None

Member Comments: Ms. Creegan indicated she could no longer give the time to the North Country Council representative position and asked for a replacement. Ms. Laflamme will take care of her request.

Public Comments: None

Planner's Comments: Ms. Laflamme shared with the board the recent ZBA decisions regarding the Jericho Power LLC case. The board was reminded that there will be a listening session for Granite State Future hosted by NH Listens on April 9th at the new WREN building at 6:30. Ms. Laflamme gave a brief update on the status of Route 110 to the board. The board was invited to the ceremony celebrating Community Development Week at the Notre Dame building the following day at noon. Questions were asked and answered.

Ms. Boucher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cassidy. All members voted in favor of the motion and it passed.