

## **Planning Board Meeting**

### **October 7, 2014**

**Present were:** Chair Ernie Allain, Greg Estrella, Lori Langlois, Martha Creegan, Tom McCue, Ex Officio Members: Lucie Remillard, Sue Tremblay; Alternate Members: John White and Richard Cassidy;

Mark Evans and Aline Boucher were excused.

### **Minutes**

Ms. Creegan moved with a second from Mr. Estrella to accept the minutes of the September meeting. So moved, the motion carried.

Chair Allain appointed Mr. White and Mr. Cassidy as voting members for this meeting.

### **Zoning Ordinance Discussion**

Ms. Laflamme asked for input or thoughts on electronic signage. She is hoping to bring draft language to the next meeting.

Alternative Treatment Centers - Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Ms. Laflamme reported that we are not at the point to draft language for medical marijuana dispensaries; however it is something that should be considered in the future. The public will have strong feelings on either side. NH Health and Human Services is coming up with rules and there will be permit fees to fund the administrative services.

Mr. McCue commented that the rules will likely suggest a professional medical office facility; however nationwide laws could expand them to a retail operation as opposed to medical.

Ms. Creegan expressed concern about the increased need for security around a dispensing facility. The Federal government has not signed on to this yet, and banks won't take the dispensary's money. Zoning should prohibit isolating a dispensary so the police can get there quickly.

Ms. Laflamme stated that other communities are regulating and setting the parameters of where dispensaries can be located. If it comes to fruition, it will be up to the board to recommend, if any, restrictions that make the most sense for the community to the city council.

Electronic Signage. Ms. Laflamme noted that technology has evolved and we continue to get requests for the electronic signage. She suggested relaxation of the current standards with the parameters being that signage is safe and not distracting.

Non-conforming lot language. Ms. Laflamme said she would bring something to the next meeting.

**Other** – there were no items

### **Public Comments**

Barbara Tetreault asked about the Croteau lawsuit. Ms. Laflamme stated that he had 30 days to cleanup and a date has been scheduled for re-inspection.

Ms. Tetreault asked about the status of the Jericho Wind Towers. Ms. Laflamme reported that there is a long lead time on ordering the turbines and they are still working on getting ready for that. The project is on schedule for next year.

### **Member Comments**

None

### **Planner Comments**

Ms. Laflamme commented that the Food Coop Consultant who submitted an RFP does work that is very specific with organic food coops which is not what we would be looking to do. We want a mix of items like the coop in Littleton. This consultant does not have a model that will work with what we want. After consulting with WREN, we will put out a new request for proposals that is likely to be for a coop with 50% conventional items. UNH may recommend consultants and we should be able to find someone to do a feasibility study.

Next Thursday night there will be a Mt. Jasper Community Walk up Mr. Jasper. Sally Manikian will stop several times to reflect on the signage. At 5:30 there will be a celebration of hors d'oeuvres at the Dairy Bar where Sally and Mike Eastman will say a few words. The Board is invited to attend either event or both.

Route 110 will be open for travel October 31. It is looking good with the final elements to come together next year. The project is looking at LED lighting and historic markers will be put in next year. There will be a small park area near the police station. The Historical Society is working on a book that will address workforce housing at a cost of \$13,000 to the project. Chair Allain commented that there is a stop sign at the railroad crossing and if its position is not changed, stopping would occur on the track.

Ms. Laflamme mentioned a potential neighborhood issue related to plans for there to be temporary chipping on site at the biomass plant. They have not started yet and they are working with suppliers to stay equipped. Ms. Tetreault asked if the SEC has to approve and Ms. Laflamme noted that the agreement likely addresses the operation.

Mr. McCue commented that Friendship Park off of York Street is always locked. Chair Allain said that there is a gate that stays locked; however the park can still be accessed.

There being no further business Mr. McCue moved to adjourn; Mr. Cassidy seconded and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday November 6.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Tremblay