

**BOLTON PLANNING BOARD**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**September 10, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.**  
**Bolton Town Hall**

Present: Doug Storey (Chairman), John Karlon (Board Vice-Chairman), Mark Duggan, Stephen Garner, and James Owen (Associate Member) and Jennifer Atwood Burney (Town Planner)

Not Present: Frank Lazgin

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. 8:00 pm Residents of Northwoods subdivision met with the Board to discuss their concerns and the procedure for road acceptance for Drumlin Hill Road. Residents present were: Anthony Pasqua of 14 Drumlin Hill Road and David and Jan Evans of 11 Drumlin Hill Road. The residents expressed to the board their concern in regards to the safety of the children waiting for the bus on Warner Road. Because Drumlin Hill Road is a private road the bus company will not make any bus stops. At any given time there can be 26 children waiting for the bus, parents, cars, dogs, baby carriages, all waiting for the bus. During the winter the residents are concerned for the safety of the kids waiting for the bus due to insufficient sanding and salting of Drumlin Hill Road by the developer. They explained they were before the board to understand the road acceptance process and to see if the planning board had any leverage to enforce the developer to finish the road so that it can be accepted by the town. Because of the current housing crisis they concerned that the developer is going to take longer than usual to finish the roads.

Chairman, Doug Storey asked the residents how the roads are maintained in the winter. The residents responded that the developer doesn't usually use salt or sand which have resulted in some of the residents and kids falling on ice. Mr. Storey explained the process for road acceptance and no time limit for finishing the road is required and usually the real estate market dictates how soon a developer will finish a development. The board's authority is to make sure the road and drainage are adequate and that there is safe access. He explained that the board has a bond in place that will ensure that the road and drainage are completed. The road does not have a top coat due to potential damage from construction trucks and equipment. The residents explained that another concern is that mail won't be delivered until the road is accepted. Ms. Evans explained that she was able to work out an agreement with the post office that if the developer provided a letter agreeing to maintenance the post office would consider providing service. However, the developer wouldn't agree to sign a letter. The residents asked what the cost to finish the road was. The Board

replied \$132,000 based on an estimate done in the spring of 2008 and was holding a bond and a lot for surety. The planning board agreed to request that the chief of police conduct an inspection of the bus stop to determine if there were any public safety concerns. The town planner would inquire with the developer about issuing a letter agreeing to maintain the roads or to entertain the idea of finishing Drumlin Hill Road to have the road accepted at town meeting. If the developer agreed to provide a letter, the town planner would inquire with the bus company and post office.

2. Board worked on drafting a survey for public input on Village Overlay District and Design Guidelines. The board discussed the survey and about the possibility of conducting some type of public outreach at the Bolton fair. Mark Duggan agreed to send a letter to the editor and Doug Storey agreed to send an overview to all town boards and committees explaining the project.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **NEXT MEETING**

September 17, 2008 at 7:30 pm

September 24, 2008 at 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

*Minutes submitted by Jennifer Atwood Burney, Town Planner*