

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
2 OF THE
3 CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD
4

5 April 12, 2011
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7 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Snyder, Chair; Christopher Evans,
8 Art Rose, Doug McCallum, Chris Blair, Alice Veenstra, Joshua Gordon,
9 Seth Cohn, and Tyson Miller, Selectman Representative.
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11 The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Chair presiding.
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13 Election of a Chair and a Vice Chair. Tyson noted that he has resigned his
14 position on the board as a regular member and has been appointed as the
15 Selectman Representative on the board. The Chair noted that the board needs
16 to elect someone to fill out the remainder of Tyson's term on the board this year.
17 At the next town meeting (2012) there will be an election to fill Tyson's one
18 remaining year on the board. The Chair called for nominations. Alice was
19 nominated by Tyson, seconded by Christopher. Joshua was nominated by Jim,
20 seconded by Art. By ballot vote, Alice was elected as a member by a vote of 4-2.
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22 Jim called for Chair nominations. Christopher nominated Jim, seconded by
23 Tyson. Chris nominated Christopher, seconded by Doug. By ballot vote, Jim
24 was elected as Chair by a vote of 5-1.
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26 The Chair then called for nominations of a Vice Chair. Tyson nominated Chris,
27 seconded by Christopher. Christopher nominated Art, seconded by Jim. By
28 ballot vote there was a tie vote of 3-3. The Chair broke the tie, and Art was
29 elected as Vice Chair.
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31 Draft minutes of March 8, 2011. Motion by Christopher, seconded by Doug, to
32 move the minutes. Christopher suggested amending the minutes so that the
33 sentence beginning on line 134 reads as follows: This situation existed most
34 often in Sherwood Forest which is composed of many small lots and it is not
35 unusual to have quarter acre lots contiguous.
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37 Motion by Christopher, seconded by Tyson, to amend the minutes as stated.
38 The motion passed unanimously. The original minutes were approved as
39 amended.
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41 Continued pre-application conceptual consultation with Martin and Betsy Vaughn
42 regarding their proposed disc golf course. Martin and Betsy were present for this
43 discussion. The Chair noted that at the last meeting the board had requested a
44 letter from the Vaughns describing exactly what it is that they plan to do. That
45 letter has been received and forwarded to all of the board members. He asked if
46 anyone had any questions and there were none. It was noted that the proposed

47 disc golf course does not meet the threshold that would require site plan review,
48 and they can go ahead with the project. The Chair thanked them for submitting
49 their letter and wished them good luck.

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51 Presentation by Vanessa Goold from the CNHRPC about current Merrimack
52 River buffer setback regulations and their findings as to how the river's buffer can
53 be protected. Vanessa and Matt Monahan were present from the CNHRPC,
54 along with Nancy Roy from the UMLAC (Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory
55 Council). Nancy explained that the council is charged with keeping an eye on the
56 Merrimack. There are six towns involved that touch the Merrimack. The council
57 meets monthly, and they keep an eye on anything that is impacting water flow
58 into the Merrimack. They employed the CNHRPC to be their technical arm.
59 They put their concerns into a report called the Buffer Protection Study, and
60 Vanessa and Matt will be addressing a piece of that report.

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62 Vanessa stated that the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Council is
63 charged with creating a management plan for the river. She gave an overview of
64 what the river protection management plan does. One goal was to do an audit of
65 the towns along the river and look at existing land use and provide communities
66 along the river with opportunities to strengthen local ordinances and land use
67 regulations. They are looking at how communities are dealing with water
68 protection.

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70 Matt reported on the regulatory side. Some locations along the corridor have
71 different regulations in place. They are looking at how the corridor can be
72 protected. He went over the chart of recommended protection tools as they
73 relate to Canterbury, and said that, if the board wants more information of any of
74 those recommendations, they can come in with more.

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76 Concern was expressed about the fact that Loudon does not show up on the
77 map. It was suggested that it could be a goal of the UMLAC to reach out to
78 other communities and get them involved.

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80 Matt suggested that perhaps the board could get involved with a few of the
81 recommended protection tools, such as the Aquifer Protection Ordinance,
82 the Wetland Protection Ordinance with Setbacks, and the Post-Construction
83 Stormwater Management Ordinance, especially the first two. The board
84 expressed a special interest in the Aquifer Protection Ordinance, and Vanessa
85 stated that she could do an aquifer map. Christopher commented that it would
86 be good to see the ordinance language.

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88 Jim suggested having this matter on the agenda for the board's work meeting
89 this month. It would give the board a chance to think about it and read the report
90 more thoroughly, since it is up on their website. Then the board could try to
91 make some decisions on what we might want to handle. The next meeting is on

the 26th, and if there is anything that the CNHRPC can get to the board for that meeting, that would be very helpful.

Update by Doug on the work of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Doug reported that he has been going to the TIP meetings. Recently they have been looking at the 10-year transportation improvement plan which is a proposal to the state for improvements to the state roads. He and Ty went to the Board of Selectmen with the results of our Master Plan to try to get some funding. This group has put together a TIP that will be voted on next week by the CNHRPC, then it will go to the state. Out of 27 projects in the TIP, Canterbury has three of them, Nos. 14, 15 and 16. They are Baptist Road, Center Road, and Kimball Pond Road. If the state ever gets any money, we are in good standing.

He reported that every year there is federal money available for transportation enhancements that meet good air quality programs. The application is a letter of interest from the town. One application would cover sidewalks and bike paths, and another could maybe cover a park-and-ride. Those are two possible sources of funding that might or might not help us with our plans. It is federal money. There may be a change in methodology for the congestion litigation. He will try to do better in keeping this group informed.

Other business, including discussion on scanners. The Chair suggested that the board not take up the question of the depth of minutes tonight, but postpone it until the next meeting. It would be nice if we could do a little research into this matter. As far as scanners are concerned, there is a value of being able to look at documents, etc., ahead of time, but how much of that is appropriate outside of a meeting? He stated that he would like someone to volunteer to look into the question of what is required by law on both of these issues. One good way to do that would be to call the Local Government Center and say that we are discussing these two issues and see if they can give us some guidance on what is required. Then decide within the law what kind of detail we want. Joshua volunteered to do some research regarding how much information is appropriate to circulate prior to meetings.

The Chair noted that the board has received a copy of a notice of a public hearing in Gilmanton on April 21 regarding a cell tower.

Seth reported on some legislative matters.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Nancy Lilly, Secretary

Next meeting: April 26, 2011, 7:00 p.m., The Meeting House.