

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD

November 8, 2011

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Snyder, Chair; Art Rose, Vice Chair; Chris Blair, Christopher Evans, Doug McCallum, Alice Veenstra, Joshua Gordon, and Tyson Miller, Selectman Representative (joined the meeting in progress).

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Seth Cohn.

Draft minutes of October 25, 2011. Motion by Christopher, seconded by Art, to amend the minutes by correcting two minor clerical errors. Motion passed unanimously.

Aquifer Protection Ordinance. The Chair reported that he received an email from Seth stating that the Department of Agriculture said that they have no best practice recommendations for fueling of other hazardous material for agricultural or forestry vehicles. Seth suggested saying something like “reasonable practices and precautions”, knowing that there may be one out there that we don’t know about. He doesn’t have a problem with the vagueness, but others might. Joshua stated that there is a difference between best management practices and what is reasonable. He would vote for most reasonable practices. There followed a brief discussion regarding this matter. The Chair suggested keeping this item on the agenda for the next meeting and moving it along.

Final discussion of the Planning Board Rules of Procedure and Bylaws. Alice presented the final draft and reviewed the changes with the board members. She noted that she had used Doug’s initial draft as a basis for the final document and had also used Joshua’s comments. Christopher referred to the clarity of the wording in Item 9D4 It was agreed that it should be changed to read “Any person not a board member who desires to ask a question...” rather than “Any person who desires to ask a question...”. The Chair stated the minutes should reflect that the board would like to vote on these amended bylaws at our next meeting. Alice agreed to produce the final copy.

Confirmation of the delegation of certain duties to the road agent by the board. Tyson stated that he has not had a chance to write up anything for this agenda item. The

Chair commented that this item will be taken up at the next meeting. Art commented that he thought the board was going to write a letter to the selectmen asking them to delegate it to the selectmen. Joshua stated the statute says that it has to be a regulation.

Discussion of a sign ordinance. Chris distributed a document showing Canterbury's current ordinance covering signs. It also shows a proposed draft for a new sign ordinance, and he reviewed it with the board. Bob had sent him examples of ordinances from three North Carolina communities that he reviewed along with the Concord Zoning Ordinance in preparing this draft sign ordinance. A brief discussion followed.

Motion by the Chair, seconded by Doug, to schedule a public hearing to move the process along for the adoption of this change in the Zoning Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Other business. The Chair commented that the purpose of having other business on the agenda is mainly for the disbursement of general information. If something is to be discussed, it must be on the meeting agenda.

Tyson described the procedure that the selectmen have chosen regarding the sale of Intervale Farm.

Alice reported that she went to the school board meeting. There are two things that they wanted us to know. (1) At some point they are going to be replacing the oil line going from the oil tank going into the school. (2) They wanted to know if we have any ordinances or anything else coming up about which they should be aware.

Tyson reported that the Safe Roads to School program has received a second grant, this one in the amount of \$15,000. They are going to meet with the selectmen on November 28 at 6:00 regarding the grant.

Tyson gave a brief update on the Cal Dunn matter.

Motion by Art, seconded by Christopher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Lilly, Secretary

Next meeting: November 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m., The Meeting House.