

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD

November 12, 2013

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Art Rose, Chair, Chris Blair, Joshua Gordon, Alice Veenstra, and Tyson Miller, BOS Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Snyder, Vice-Chair, Doug McCallum, Seth Cohn

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: none

**Draft Minutes of October 22, 2013:** Alice made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of October 22, 2013, seconded by Tyson.

Discussion of minutes: None.

Vote: Minutes of October 22, 2013 were approved.

**CEDS Project by Alice Veenstra:** The Central/Southern RPC is working on a comprehensive economic development strategy which is very broad. They hired consultants to do a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats). The consultants did data analysis and surveys and identified four industries as being economic drivers in our region: Finance/Insurance, Wholesale Trade/Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Education. It was recommended that we grow the entrepreneurs and businesses we currently have; engage area investors; streamline local permitting processes; improve local government websites; emphasize skills training; pursue broadband and cellular upgrades; increase business development services; and take a regional approach.

Alice felt broadband and cellular is important to the Town. This could be important to home businesses, which Canterbury has a lot of. It is currently difficult to host a website off of a satellite or DSL. The entire community does not have access to cable. The Town will be receiving a letter inviting us to submit any projects that we would like to be considered. The CEDS committee will define priorities for developing the region. Those projects are then eligible to apply for funding under EDA (U.S. Department of

Commerce - Economic Development Administration) . EDA grants are usually big, half a million to five million grants are not uncommon. Congress is going after EDA a little bit, but as of now, they are accepting grants and it is the hope they will survive any cuts. Joshua asked if we could possibly get a grant for to have the entire town wired for internet? Alice said it is possible. UNH has Middle Mile pipeline going through Concord with a switching station nearby to Canterbury near I-93. There is another switching station on Shaker Road. Art felt it was a very achievable goal for the Town. He also felt the Board of Selectmen should hold a meeting annually with all boards to discuss this type of an issue and get input from everyone.

Art stated when he was on the board in Goffstown, there was a once-a-year all boards meeting. The purpose was communication among boards. The Board felt this was a great idea. That approach would help the Boards to be on the same page as far as projects coming before the boards as well. Tyson said it's a good idea but not sure how much can be done with the ZBA since it is almost like a separation of powers.

Alice then brought up the next steps is to fill out a form and get them submitted sometime in January. Tyson confirmed that these are ideas about economic development for Canterbury. Alice then explained that another option is to use the Fast Roads Model, which is what is in the UNH Broadband brand, a non-profit or for profit organization would own the line, basically a toll line. Chris asked if it was fiber, Alice confirmed it was. Fast Roads of New Hampshire is a non-profit organization, who would then charge any internet service provider that wanted to use the fiber to provide services to their customers. Joshua asked if as a Town we lay the lines and then contract out to maintain the lines. Alice said yes, there could be a Canterbury LLC non-profit. Chris confirmed that this is something Canterbury can pay for, or we can apply for a grant. Alice confirmed.

#### **Other Business:**

**Planning Board Website:** Ideas were discussed and it was decided that Lori will work with Jan Stout to coordinate training for Lori to upload agendas, minutes and other information the Board would like the public to be aware of. Tyson said there is a service the Town uses and it could be as simple setting up a meeting and learn from them. The Board agreed.

**Expedited Applications:** The question of requests for expedited review/hearings came up relating to minor subdivisions. After conversation it was agreed that as long as the subdivision application meets the requirements of Subdivision Regulation Section IV.C.1 and 2, then an expedited review will be granted. At an expedited review, the

81 application would be considered, accepted/rejected, and if accepted, the public hearing  
82 would be held at that time. The application would have to be received in time for the  
83 required public notice in the newspaper and the 10 days' notice by certified mail to all  
84 abutters to preserve their right to attend the public hearing. Art reminded the Board that  
85 even if the Board accepts the application as complete, they are not required to come to  
86 a decision that night. If the Board feels they need more time to review, a motion can be  
87 made to table the application for further review and adhere to the required timelines.  
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89 ***(The definition of a lot line adjustment is found in the Subdivision Regulations,***  
90 ***Section II Definitions)***

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92 **Conservation Commission:** Chris said the Conservation Commission had asked  
93 about the Mourning Dove campground possibility. Chris was not present at the Pre-  
94 Application Conceptual Consultation. The Commission wanted to be advised about the  
95 number of buildable lots. Tyson and Art said it is not applicable because it is a  
96 campground. Chris asked if this required building permits. Art said one permit is  
97 issued. He also asked about a septic system. Tyson said yes, they would need that.  
98 Art said it would be one permit and the State would issue that. Chris then asked if there  
99 is ever a chance that it could become a community of people would live there year  
100 round. Art said that would be controlled through the approval process. Tyson stated it  
101 is in the zoning in any event. The possibility of an easement came up, was discussed  
102 and it was determined that the Conservation Commission would have to approach the  
103 owner of the particular property, if the project moves forward, and the Commission  
104 wishes to look into obtaining an easement.  
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106 Chris Blair made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joshua Gordon. Motion was voted  
107 on and approved.  
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109 Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.  
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111 Lori Venie, Secretary  
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113 **Next meeting: November 26, 2013**