

**MINUTES  
CHARLESTOWN PLANNING BOARD  
AUGUST 3, 2010**

Members Present: Robert Frizzell (Chair); Doug Ring (Ex-Officio); Pat Royce, Roger Thibodeau

Alternates Present: James Jenkins

Staff Present: David Edkins – Planning & Zoning Administrator  
Regina Borden – Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER & SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Robert Frizzell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He noted the absence of regular members Sharon Francis, Andy Jellie and Eric Lutz and Alternate member Herb Greenwood and called upon Alternate member James Jenkins to sit in for Andy Jellie. He also noted that Doug Ring was sitting in for Steve Neill.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2010:**

There was a consensus to table the Minutes of the July 6, 2010 meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

**POMPANETTE, INC. (BOMAR) – Consultation re: Foundry Hours of Operation – 73 Southwest Street – Map 119, Lot 51 – Zone G1 (Southwest Street):** Joyce Davidson, 112 South West Street, advised that several years ago the PB voted to set 6:00 AM as the time for the operations in the Bomar foundry to begin. At that time they were starting at 4:00 or 5:00 AM. She doesn't mind the noise from the cemetery or the other Bomar operations and does get some noise from the trucks. There is a buffer from bushes in the summer. She noted that they have put in a second foundry beyond the offices, opposite the cemetery gate and adjoining the pattern shop. This second foundry starts at 5:00 AM. From July 19<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> they ran both foundries. Running two foundries is too much. She talked to Rick St. Pierre about not starting until 6:00 AM. The foundry used to operate from 6:00 AM to 2:30 PM and if they needed over-time they stayed until 3:30 PM.

Rick St. Pierre stated that they do not have two foundries. What she is referring to is a grinding and assembly area that has been there for many years; they start at 5:00 AM. They still operate one foundry. A short time ago Mrs. Davidson called him when he was in North Carolina at a wedding to report that somebody was working on a Saturday. When he returned to town he discovered that the furnace needed to be repaired so they could work on Monday. He talks with Mrs. Davidson about once a month about various issues. Over the years he has tried to be a good neighbor. It has been so hot and humid that they would like to start at 5:00 AM. At one time they even started at 4:00 AM. He asked Mrs. Davidson if they could start at 5:45 AM but she said "no" so they have stayed with 6:00 AM.

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Mr. Edkins pulled all the Pompanette, Inc. / Bomar files and Minutes going back to 1981. He found three references to hours of operation. The first was in November 1990 in regards to the new plant with hours of 5:00 AM to Midnight (same as in the past). The second reference was in June 2000 when Bomar came in for permission to use the former O.W. Stevens building on Dell Street; hours of operation 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. The third reference was in May 18, 2004 when Mrs. Davidson raised the same issue. At that time Bomar requested starting at 5:00 AM due to the summer heat but in the end there was an agreement to go back to 6:00 AM. This was not a condition imposed on the operation by the PB. There were other meetings but they were not on the hours. In 1981 there was a meeting with all the neighbors when the question of the foundry came up but it did not specify hours of operation. Mrs. Davidson said they all agreed to a start time of 6:00 AM. However Mr. Edkins noted that hours were not in the Minutes of that meeting.

Mr. St. Pierre said this past summer they brought in a business from Pennsylvania that they bought about three years ago. He will keep the foundry at 6:00 AM but will not tie the other buildings to the 6:00 AM. His employees understand how critical it is not to start until 6:00 AM. Mr. Edkins said the new plant application stated 5:00 AM to Midnight; nothing has changed since then.

Mr. Ring felt that Mr. St. Pierre sounds like they are more than cooperative. To have a business open these days is a plus in itself. They are trying to be quiet yet still stay in business. That is a business area, it has the Highway Department and the Railroad tracks.

Mr. Jenkins noted that a part of the problem is the summer heat and that will be going away soon. Mr. St. Pierre said the foundry only operates 8 hours a day.

Mrs. Royce asked Mrs. Davidson if she tried running an air conditioner to drown out the noise. It has been dreadfully hot this summer. Mrs. Davidson said 6:00 AM is okay; if there are unusual problems she just wants Mr. St. Pierre to contact her.

**SALT SHED HOLDINGS, LLC & JOEL STODDARD – Sign Permit – 29 Salt Shed Road – Map 213, Lot 13 – Zone E (Mixed Use):** Mr. Edkins advised that Mr. Stoddard wants a 4' x 8' sign on the building and one free-standing sign. These will comply with the maximum regulation of 50 square feet. There will be two solar lights on the street sign. There is an existing light pointing downward on the existing sign. Mr. Edkins talked with Mr. Stoddard relative to the fact that the sign will have to be at least 100-feet away from the center of the State right-of-way.

**Mr. Jenkins moved to approve this Sign Permit for Salt Shed Holdings, LLC and Joel Stoddard as presented. Seconded by Mr. Ring. With five members in favor, the motion was approved.**

### **PLANNING & POLICY ISSUES:**

**Alternate Members:** Mr. Edkins noted that the PB is still short one Alternate member. Corinne Soddors expressed an interest in serving in this position. She submitted a letter

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of interest but was unable to attend this meeting. She will attend the next meeting to introduce herself.

**Next Meeting:** There are no new applications for the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a consensus to cancel this meeting if nothing new comes in. State statute requires the PB to meet once a month.

### **ADMINISTRATION & CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Berlanger Property:** Mr. Edkins submitted copies of a letter he wrote to James Berlanger in the packets. In September of 2007 he was granted Site Plan approval by the PB for a wood processing operation on his property at 940 River Road. One of the conditions was that “the log piles shall be no closer than 53 feet from the road”. Mr. Edkins received a call from a neighbor advising that the log pile was on the edge of the road; he checked and notified Mr. Berlanger who immediately responded by saying that the log pile was dropped there by mistake and it would be moved soon. The second condition was that the applicants “return to the PB for a review in three years”. Mr. Berlanger is going to contact the heirs of the owner of the wood processing operation to see what their intentions are. Mr. Edkins has not had a previous complaint on the operation in the past three years.

**NH Department of Transportation:** Copies of the letter from Aaron Smart, P.E., Geotechnical Engineer, to Gino Infascelli of the NHDES Wetlands Bureau, pertaining to conducting geotechnical field explorations along the Route 12 project from South Charlestown to North Walpole was enclosed in the packets. Last Thursday there was a Public Hearing on this project; the comments were very positive. There was no significant opposition. Mr. Edkins has a CD on the Environmental Study that was done in that area if anyone would like to borrow it.

Mr. Ring left the meeting to attend another meeting.

**Regional Planning Commissions:** Mr. Edkins received a letter from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission relative to their applying for a grant to do an up-date of the Regional Plan that would emphasis Sustainable Development. They are asking for a letter of support from the Town. He drafted a letter and asked the PB if they would approve signing the letter of support along with the Selectboard.

**Mr. Thibodeau moved to authorize Mr. Frizzell, as Chair, to sign the letter of support. Seconded by Mr. Jenkins. With four members in favor, the motion was approved.**

**State of NH:** Mr. Edkins received a request from the State to have the Town send them the tax map parcel data. The Town will benefit from this because they will match that information up with some aerial photography the State is doing.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no other business, Mr. Thibodeau moved for adjournment.  
Mrs. Royce seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary

Minutes Filed: 8-6-10

(**Note:** These are unapproved minutes. Corrections, if necessary, may be found in the minutes of the August 17, 2010, Planning Board meeting.)