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**Planning Board Minutes
Monday, September 20, 2010**

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, George Basbanes at 7:30pm.
Members present: John Goldthwaite, Brett Rock and Joan Simmons
Member absent: Joyce Cail
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, lower level

Discussion on Potential Zoning Change/Scenic Road Change for Town Meeting

Attorney Larkin attended the meeting to discuss the Growth Limitation section of the Zoning Bylaw and the Scenic Road Statute.

Scenic Road: Attorney Larkin explained to the Board that in 1995 the town designated most streets in Dunstable as scenic roads, which falls under the State Scenic Road Statute, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 15C, as amended. The statute allows the town to vote to accept an ordinance or by-law which imposes fines for violations. Rich presented a sample bylaw from another town for the Board to review. The Board discussed a few changes to the bylaw:

Penalties: They would the section to read: "Violators may be subject to a fine of \$100 for violating the Scenic Road Bylaw. If an order issued from the Planning Board is not followed within 30 days, the fine will be \$200. If the violation goes past 45 days, the fine will be \$300. Rich also talked about making this a "non criminal disposition bylaw".

Application fee: The Board would like to add that the applicant is responsible to pay for the legal notice in the newspaper. The ad will be placed by the Planning Board and an invoice will be sent to the applicant. The applicant must forward the check to the Planning Board before the date of the hearing. Failure to pay any required fees will result in a denial of the application.

The Secretary will work on an application for the Scenic Road Bylaw.

Growth Limitation: The deadline for the growth limitation bylaw is currently May 9, 2011. The Board discussed extending the deadline by ten (10) years. Dana Barnes, Building Inspector, was asked to come into the meeting to discuss the extension. He told the Board that he supports the bylaw/extension. Attorney Larkin said that since the deadline falls on the date of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, the approval of the new bylaw date can be presented at that time.

Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2010

Since only two members from tonight's meeting were in attendance at the August 16th meeting, the Board decided to approve those minutes at the next scheduled meeting.



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Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2010

John made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as submitted, from the July 19th meeting. Brett 2nd the motion. – Motion passed with all members voting in favor.

Bills/Payroll

No bills – Two payroll slips were signed off.

Community Preservation Designee

Joan made a motion for George Basbanes to stay on as the Planning Board representative to the Community Preservation Committee. John 2nd the motion. – Motion passed. The Secretary will notify the Selectmen.

John made a motion to close the meeting at 8:12pm. Brett 2nd the motion. - Motion passed with all members voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Planning Board