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Planning Board Minutes Monday, August 5, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Willard (John) Goldthwaite Jr. at 7:30pm.
Members present: George Basbanes, Brett Rock, Joan Simmons and Joe Vlcek
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, lower level

Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2013

Joe made a motion to approve, as written, the minutes of the July 15th meeting.
George 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Joe referred to the July 15th minutes when asking if a date had been set for the meeting between the Board of Selectmen and Carolina Properties. The Secretary told members that it is tentatively scheduled for August 19th.

George told Board members that he had recently been contacted by Attorney Doug Deschenes (Carolina Properties attorney) who asked if he would confirm that the Planning Board was in favor of the last plan submitted on July 15th. George said that the Board feels that Carolina Properties is moving in the right direction but that the plan will need modifications during the definitive subdivision process.

Review and/or Sign Bills

None

Review and/or Sign Payroll

The Secretary's payroll slip was signed.

Nomination for Community Preservation Committee

Brett made a motion that George Basbanes continue as the Planning Board representative serving on the Community Preservation Committee. Joan 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

State of Massachusetts Marijuana Law

The Board discussed the state law regarding the sale of medical marijuana and whether a temporary moratorium should be brought to Town Meeting in order to provide the Town with time to develop a suitable Bylaw. Members questioned whether this should



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be the responsibility of the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen or the Board of Appeals. They would like Attorney Larkin's opinion on that as well as the cultivation aspect of marijuana in the Town of Dunstable. The Board asked the Secretary if she could look into what other towns in the state were doing with a moratorium and bylaw.

Additional Topics Discussed Not Noted on the Agenda

In-law Apartments

Brett asked the secretary to look at the Town of Townsend's Bylaw regarding in-law apartments and how they are renewed.

Cell Tower Dunstable Church

Dana Metzler attended the meeting to ask if the church needed to file for a Special Permit to add a customer to their existing cell tower equipment. The Board asked the Secretary to review the original Special Permit and the Zoning Bylaw in order to get an answer for Dana.

George made a motion to close the meeting at 8:14pm. Brett 2nd the motion. – Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Mann
Secretary
Dunstable Planning Board