

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 21, 2015
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

Board Members Present: Charles Doke, David Kestner, Glen Demers, Martin Laferte, Anthony Vittoriosio

Board Members Absent: Selectmen's Representative Jim Horgan, excused

Town Staff Present:

Public Present:

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

At 6:05 pm Chairman Doke called the meeting to order and all present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Review and approve Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2015**

Martin Laferte motioned to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015 as written; 2nd Glen Demers. The motion passed 4-0 with one abstention.

- **Voluntary Lot Merger**

Chairman Doke told the Board that the Town had received notice of a voluntary merger of pre-existing lots at 21 Deer Cove Circle. The lots to be merged include Tax Map R44, lots 041 (4.5 acres) and 042 (1.7 acres) which are owned by Marjorie and Douglas Fisk, Debra Conroy, Diane Lombardo and Donna White. The lots are located in the Agricultural Residential Zoning District. Members reviewed the notice, property information and the property map provided to the Board.

Martin Laferte asked if the white material all over the ground in a picture is salt. Chairman Doke said the material appears to be sand and noted the lot was formerly used by a construction company.

Glen Demers motioned to approve the merger of Tax Map R44 Lot 041 and Lot 042 to become Tax Map R44 Lot 042; 2nd David Kestner. The motion passed 5-0.

- **Continued discussion for Campers and Storage Containers**

Members reviewed a copy of the NH RSA's regarding definitions of campgrounds, camping parks and words and phrases related to public recreation (Title XIX, Chapter 216-I and Chapter 259:84-a). Members also received a letter from Town Counsel outlining possible options to address the issues. The Board decided to center their discussion on possible changes to the Town's zoning definitions and regulations regarding campers and recreational vehicles at this meeting and take up the issue of storage containers at a future meeting. Discussion included legal definitions of campers and recreational

vehicles, tenants, permitting, camping on vacant lots, time limits, campers and trailers used on residential properties, updating Town regulations with State definitions and addressing the Building Inspector's concerns.

Consensus of the Board was to combine the attorney's options as follows: move Option 2, numbers 1 to 6 over to Option 1; under Option 1, Section B, change 7 days to 30 days and 30 days to 90 days; bold print the sentence beginning with "a permit is needed...."; change the last sentence from 7 days to 30 days and 30 days to 90 days. Add the definition of recreational vehicle to quote the definition in RSA 259:84-a, and refer to the RSA.

Chairman Doke said he will ask the Planning Board Secretary to prepare a draft of the proposed changes and submit it to the CEO/Building Inspector Dennis Roseberry for his opinion. He then suggested the Board review the draft and Roseberry's suggestions at the next Board meeting.

- **Any other business to come before the Board**

A) Planner Services – Chairman Doke told the Board that the Selectmen have decided to discontinue use of the contracted Planner's services and have contracted with Strafford Regional Planning Commission for planning services. Members requested Selectmen present more information about the terms of contract to the Planning Board.

B) FYI – Board members received notice of the public comment period and a public hearing regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, NH DOT and independent public transit providers. The meeting was held on July 17, 2015.

At 7:15 pm Martin Laferte motioned to adjourn the meeting; 2nd Anthony Vittorioso. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Magoon, Recording Secretary

Charles Doke, Chairman