Halifax Planning Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2010

A meeting of the Halifax Planning Board was held on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Halifax Town Hall, Meeting Room #1, 499 Plymouth Street, Halifax, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Gordon Andrews, Chairman

Ed Whitney, Vice Chairman

Dean Jafferian, Clerk

V. Richard Greeley, Member

Absent: Rob Piccirilli, Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. and the agenda was read into the record by Gordon Andrews.

MOTION: Dean Jafferian to accept the agenda as read

SECOND: Rick Greeley

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Discussion:

Sign Permit Applications

A copy of a temporary sign permit application for the use of "sandwich signs", prepared by secretary, Michelle Hill, was presented to the Board for approval. Regulations and expiration dates were discussed. All temporary sign permits will expire on June 1, 2011.

7:35 p.m. - Vice Chairperson, Ed Whitney arrived

Seggelin – 116 Palmer Mill Road

Vice Chairman Ed Whitney asked for an update on this property. Chairman Gordon Andrews recently spoke with Town Counsel, Attorney Rich Hucksam. Attorney Hucksam informed Mr. Andrews that because the property now has 40,000 feet of contiguous upland, the lot would be conforming. The bylaw doesn't state that it has to be all frontage. Attorney Hucksam said that the Planning Board does not have the right to deny the application and plans before the applicant goes before the Zoning Board of Appeals to ask for a variance. The Seggelin's are scheduled to meet with the Planning Board at 7:50 this evening.

Appointments:

7:40 p.m. Megan Reardon – Plymouth Street (Cumberland Farms Plaza) – sign permit

Megan Reardon was present to discuss signage for the new hair salon she is opening in October, behind Halifax Florist. Ms. Reardon appeared before the Planning Board on September 2, 2010 to inquire about the use a sandwich sign. During that meeting she also inquired about the placement of a permanent sign as her business is not visible from the road. The Planning Board reviewed the site plans and photos for the Cumberland Farms Plaza. Ms. Reardon was advised to get permission for a free-standing sign from the property owners, Cumberland Farms.

Ms. Reardon spoke with Cumberland Farms and was granted permission for placement of a permanent sign on the property. The Planning Board reviewed Code of the Town of Halifax pages 16726.16 – 16732.9, section 167-13 about signage. The Board reviewed the Cumberland Farms site plan and explained to Ms. Reardon that Cumberland Farms is at capacity for signage at the site. Ms. Reardon presented her sign plan to the Board and asked if a permanent sign could be placed in the grassy area to the left of the property close to her shop. The Board suggested anchoring a sign to the side corner of the building. A copy of the sign bylaw was given to Ms. Reardon.

8:30 p.m. Seggelin - 116 Palmer Mill Road

Mrs. Alice Seggelin appeared before the Planning Board with the intention of presenting her Form A Plan to the Board. She did not have her engineered plans they will be ready next week. The Planning Board informed Mrs. Seggelin that they cannot accept her Form A without the engineered plans. Mrs. Seggelin will be going to the Zoning Board of Appeals to ask for a variance.

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2010 were reviewed and approved by the Board. A motion was made to accept the Minutes.

Motion: Ed Whitney Second: Dean Jafferian

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Signature Authorization Form

Signed by Ed Whitney and Dean Jafferian

8:55 p.m. Adjourn

Motion: Dean Jafferian Second: Rick Greeley

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It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Hill Planning Board Secretary