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## HANOVER PLANNING BOARD

## Minutes, Site Visit, 14 Hovey Lane, October 8,2011

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The site visit began at 9:00 AM. Present were: Planning Board: Joan Garipay, Kate Connolly, and Judith Esmay, Members; and Iain Sim and Mike Hingston, Alternate Members Town Staff: Jonathan Edwards Representative of the applicant: Randy Mudge, architect General Public: Bryant Denk

Randy Mudge led the group on a tour of the site and also of the adjoining parcel which contains St. Denis Church building and the rectory, and explained the proposal to the Board members present.

After considerable discussion, much focusing on parking needs and requirements, on the effects of the proposed parking on the appearance and vegetation of the site, on the provision of parking for the disabled, and on perimeter fences, the consensus of the Board as expressed to Mr. Mudge was that at the continued public hearing scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>, he present to the Board a revised plan, with or without alternatives, which would show:

• The minimum practical number of on-site parking spaces actually needed, given the extent and location of nearby public parking and the typical schedule of on-site activities that would take place when public parking is largely available;

- Preferred location(s) of the parking for the disabled and ADA-compliant walkway access from such parking to the rectory and the 14 Hovey Lane structure;
- Optimization of use of the existing church parking on Sanborn Road;
- Reworking or replacement of some of the fencing which may be noncompliant with zoning and in need of repair.
- Burial of wires to house from pole at NW corner of the property.

On this basis, the Planning Board at that public hearing may consider a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Adjustment in support of an application for a variance to reduce the amount of parking on this and the church parcels in order to take advantage of nearby public parking and reduce or eliminate the amount of site disturbance and destruction of attractive site vegetation, especially preserving the present appearance of the church lawn.

Mr. Edwards offered that the Town would waive the fee for such a variance application.

The site visit adjourned at 10:20 AM

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Jonathan Edwards.