

**TOWN OF JAFFREY**  
**Jaffrey, New Hampshire**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes – Working Session**  
**November 22, 2011**

**Present:** Chairman Merrell, Members Deschenes, Kresge, McCarthy, Moore and Selectmen's Representative MacIsaac

**Absent:** Members Despres, Doane and Grodin

**Staff:** Jo Anne Carr, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Chairman Merrell stated that at the last meeting the board felt they lacked the knowledge to use their judgment regarding noise and odors with regard to proposed changes in the site plan regulations.

A working session is being held to educate the board on the noise/odor issues as they may relate to the proposed expansion and the rezoning from residential to industrial of Millipore's property on Eastwood Drive. Ms. Carr explained that what the board needs to consider is a change in zoning and an amendment to the site plan regulations. Proposed language for Section VIII Standards of Performance, zoning amendment Section III District Regulations and Permitted Uses and Section XV Guide to Zoning District(s) in the Town of Jaffrey (maps) were distributed.

John Arnold of Orr and Reno stated that following their last meeting they retained an expert, Robert Palermo of Aries Engineering, Inc. to speak by phone to the board about their noise and odor concerns.

Chairman Merrell asked Dr. Palermo to give them a little background on noise and odor. Dr. Palermo stated that what they tried to do was look at a number of different ordinances for both issues and try to come up with an ordinance that was simple in the sense it was easy to implement but with the components in it that would allow the Planning Board to have a program that would control noise for residential exposure with a little bit of flexibility. On the odor end they tried to provide some level of control so if questions were raised about odors there would be a basic outlined structure in the ordinance to follow. Dr. Palermo feels that what is proposed is very similar to other noise and odor ordinances and using the proposed standards of performance as a guide he proceeded to explain the process to the board.

While discussing the Leq Chairman Merrell explained the process in which the town currently takes a sound measurement. Dr. Palermo responded that it sounds like we use an analog unit and that he is very familiar with them. He feels that it would probably not have the capability to measure the Leq, to do any kind of continuous data collection, store the data internally or transfer to a PC. It could still be used to perform checks. Chairman Merrell agreed.

Moving on to odors Dr. Palermo stated that it is not an issue that is dealt with uniformly and he has seen some standards much more detailed than others. He feels that what is proposed is a simpler approach. How the scentometer is used was described as basically diluting the air to measure odor at seven or fifteen times dilution.

Member Kresge asked if item a. i. under Odors read correctly. Is it seven volumes of air passing through the carbon to one volume of sample air or is it reversed. Dr. Palermo agreed that they could try to spell it out more clearly.

During the conversation Dr. Palermo did say that if necessary they can draw upon the NHDES to come out and assess any potential violations of the air quality permit.

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Following discussion amongst the board members, Member Kresge made a motion, seconded by Member Deschenes to bring the zoning and site plan changes to public hearing on December 13, 2011.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted:

Erlene Lemire  
Recording Secretary

Attest:

Edward Merrell  
Chairman, Jaffrey Planning Board