LONDONDERRY, NH PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF June 13, 2012 AT THE MOOSE HILL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Members Present: Art Rugg; Lynn Wiles; Laura El-Azem; Chris Davies; Tom Freda, Ex-Officio; Rick Brideau, CNHA, Ex-Officio; John Laferriere, Ex-Officio; Dana Coons, Scott Benson, alternate member; Leitha Reilly, alternate member; Maria Newman, alternate member;

10 Also Present: André Garron, AICP; Cynthia May, ASLA; John Trottier, P.E.; Jaye 11 Trottier, Community Development Secretary

L. Wiles called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. He appointed S. Benson to vote for Art Rugg and L. Reilly to vote for Mary Soares.

Administrative Board Work

[A. Rugg arrived at 7:10]

A. Plans to Sign – Shelburne Plastics, Mark Hill Investments, Inc., Map 28, Lot 18-6, 27 Industrial Drive

J. Trottier stated this plan was conditionally approved on November 2, 2011. He confirmed that all precedent conditions for approval have been met and the staff recommends signing the plans.

D. Coons made a motion to authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign the plans. T. Freda seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. L. Wiles said the plans will be signed at the conclusion of the meeting.

[L. Wiles passed the gavel to Chairman Rugg].

B. Discussions with Town Staff

 SNHPC –Partnership Agreement toward Developing a Statewide Development Policy

A. Garron reminded Board members that the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) will be conducting a regional leadership team kickoff meeting for this three year initiative on June 14, 2012. At the June 6, 2012 meeting, the Board voted to support the Partnership Agreement which A. Rugg will sign at the conclusion of this meeting. A. Rugg and M. Soares both volunteered to represent the Planning Board at the quarterly meetings, however neither will be available for the first meeting. A Garron will attend their behalf and report back to the Board.

• Master Plan - Planapalooza event

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- C. May announced that videos of the opening, middle, and closing presentations at Planapalooza can be seen on local cable and will soon be available there "on demand." She encouraged residents who did not attend to view them.
 - Amending the Planning Board Rules of Procedure regarding staff presentation of comments and recommendations.

At the May 2 Planning Board meeting, T. Freda and A. Garron presented a proposed change to the Board's Rules of Procedure to allow an applicant the ability to waive the verbatim reading to the Board of any or all staff comments/recommendations regarding their project. Two readings of the proposed change have take place at successive meetings, therefore A. Rugg entertained a motion to adopt the amendment as was presented with staff input at the May 2, 2012 meeting. L. Wiles so moved. L. El-Azem seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion, 9-0-0. The Planning Board Rules of Procedure are amended (see Attachment #1).

Continued Plans

- A. Elliot Health Systems Phase 4 & 5 Tarrytown Real Estate Holdings, Inc. (Owner), Map 6 Lot 31– Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for a proposed amendment to the conditionally approved site plan (April 9, 2009) to relocate the freestanding sign from Buttrick Road to the Route 102 side of the property, 31 Buttrick Road, Zoned C-I in the Route 102 Overlay District [Continued from April 4, 2012].
 - C. May stated that the overall site plan for Elliot Health Systems Phase 4 & 5 was conditionally approved on April 1, 2009. An extension of the conditional approval was granted by the Board and is set to expire on December 31, 2012. If this amendment concerning relocation of the freestanding sign is conditionally approved by the Board, it would expire at the same time. Moving the sign from the Buttrick Road entrance of map 6, lot 31 to Route 102 would provide greater visibility in a location where the applicant feels there is more of a need. A directional sign will take its place on Buttrick Road. At a second meeting with the Heritage Commission on May 24, 2012 a revised design was presented that was based on the Commission's previous comments. Their consensus was to recommend approval of the new design. C. May reported that there are no outstanding checklist items and staff recommends the application be accepted as complete.
 - D. Coons made a motion to accept the application as complete. J. Laferriere seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. The application was accepted as complete.

Brain Pratt of CLD Consulting Engineers stated that a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was also before the Board to allow the sign to be the maximum square footage of the underlying C-I zone (65 sf), as opposed to the 50 sf limit placed

on signs in the Route 102 Performance Overlay District.

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A. Rugg asked for staff input. J. Trottier referred to the applicant's letter requesting the CUP. He stated that all the associated criteria have been met and staff supports granting both the Conditional Use Permit as well conditional approval of the site plan amendment as outlined in the staff recommendation memo.

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A. Rugg asked for input from the Board. D. Coons questioned the need for the applicant to have a freestanding sign on Route 102 in addition to the sign located on the corner of Buttrick and Mammoth Road (map 6, lot 73). Given that they represent the same entity, he suggested the two signs be combined in the spirit of limiting the visual impact of signs throughout town. A. Rugg pointed out that the applicant is allowed by the zoning ordinance to have a free standing sign for each parcel. The ordinance itself would need to be changed to address an issue of visual noise. A. Garron added that the signs are also for two separate medical facilities (e.g. doctor's offices versus urgent care). L. Wiles inquired about the actual dimensions of the sign and how the total square footage is calculated under the ordinance. C. May noted that the rendering before the Board is not the final version, but when the sign permit application is submitted to the Building Department, their review will ensure it meets all appropriate specifications. When she began to explain what is factored into the calculations, A. Rugg suggested inviting the Senior Building Inspector/Zoning Officer to a future meeting to explain that portion of the sign ordinance. L. Wiles and M. Newman made suggestions about changes in the sign copy for clarification purposes (i.e. that "The River's Edge" is in Manchester and that a right turn off Route 102 is needed to find both urgent care and the medical office park). C. May explained that sign copy is not regulated. B. Pratt added that illumination will be internal, with the letters being translucent and the blue and gray portion being opaque.

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A. Rugg asked for public input. There was none.

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D. Coons made a motion to grant the Conditional Use Permit as requested. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No Discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. The Conditional Use Permit was granted.

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D. Coons made a motion to conditionally approve the amendment to the conditionally approved site plan with the following conditions:

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"Applicant", herein, refers to the property owner, business owner, or organization submitting this application and to his/its agents, successors, and assigns.

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PRECEDENT CONDITIONS

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All of the precedent conditions below must be met by the applicant, at the expense of the applicant, prior to certification of the plans by the Planning Board. Certification of the plans is required prior to commencement of any site work, any construction on the site or issuance of a building permit.

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- 1. The Applicant shall include the sign location and details as approved in this amendment as part of the final site plan set.
- 2. The Applicant shall address all concerns of the DRC review.
- 3. The Notice of Decision for this amended approval shall be referenced on the final plan.

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<u>PLEASE NOTE -</u> Once these precedent conditions are met and the plans are certified the approval is considered final. If these conditions are not met by December 31, 2012, the board's approval will be considered to have lapsed and re-submission of the application will be required. See RSA 674:39 on vesting.

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GENERAL AND SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS

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All general and subsequent conditions of the original approval, to which this amendment is attached, shall remain intact.

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R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. The site plan amendment was conditionally approved.

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Public Hearings/Workshops/Conceptual Discussions

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A. Monahan Companies – Conceptual discussion of a proposed multi-family housing project under the Town of Londonderry's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance at 62 Perkins Road, Map 16 Lot 3.

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Mark Fougere of Fougere Planning and Development was joined by developer Tom Monahan of the Monahan Companies and members of the Dubay Group to present this conceptual plan. The applicant has had several discussions with staff over the past few months about this site, which M. Fougere noted was identified in the 2008 Housing Task Force report as a possible location for multi-family affordable housing. This 25 acre site, he explained, is particularly suitable for a multi-family use because of its access, the availability of public water and sewer, and the overall lack of steep slopes and wetlands. He added that the proposed concept is consistent with the sewer master plan for the area, the vision statement of the Town's overall Master Plan and the Conditional Use Permit criteria in the inclusionary housing ordinance. Under that ordinance, which the Town adopted in 2010, 250 units would be allowed on a property of this size. The applicant is seeking to build 240. Discussions have been initiated with the Sleep Inn Hotel to the north about creating a fourway intersection with Vista Ridge across the street. No sight distance issues are anticipated. A preliminary traffic study has shown that 78% of motorists leaving the development will drive towards Exit 5 on Rockingham Road instead of south on Perkins Road. Two scenarios for the 240 units were then presented, one following the criteria of the ordinance with 15 buildings housing 16 units each and the other that would require a variance to permit 48 units in five four-story buildings (see Attachment #2). The latter is favored by the applicant because the former would most likely be cost prohibitive. addition, the five building option would incorporate less impervious surface and 1

is designed to preserve most of the viewshed from Perkins Road, including the farmhouse which is on the Town's list of historic properties. Open space and usable space requirements were differentiated as:

Scenario #1:	Scenario #2:		
15 buildings, 16-units each	5 buildings, 48 units each		
Open space: 57% (40% required)	Open space: 64% (40% required)		
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A. Rugg asked for staff input. A. Garron stated that over the last few years, there has been a significant amount of interest in this site regarding workforce housing and as well as other residential and commercial uses. He explained that when the inclusionary housing ordinance was ultimately approved with a 16-unit maximum, the possibility to construct 20-unit buildings under specific circumstances was included. M. Fougere noted later on that this site does not meet the criteria that would allow the 20-unit density. A. Garron corrected a comment made earlier by M. Fougere concerning the ability to waive impact fees under the inclusionary housing ordinance. The current impact fee ordinance states that if the town is in a period of unsustainable growth and building permits are therefore limited, workforce housing is given a greater ability to waive impact fees. Credit can also be considered if work done by the applicant on their project involves making improvements to the corridor of the associated impact fee program. J. Trottier agreed with the applicant's plan to create the aforementioned four-way intersection, but noted that a secondary access would most likely be required for public safety reasons. C. May added that with the nearby bus facility and likelihood of the Shops at Londonderry being constructed to the west on Vista Ridge Drive, pedestrian connections would be prudent.

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A. Rugg asked for Board input. None were in favor of the 48-unit scenario. C. Davies indicated he could be amenable to a compromise between the two options, suggesting buildings comparable to the scale of the Vista Ridge condominiums. S. Benson acknowledged that the larger units would make more economical for the developer and would provide more open space, but agreed along with R. Brideau that three-story buildings would be more consistent with the area. T. Freda asked how much the rent is expected to be. M. Fougere replied that for either scenario, 75% of the apartments would be \$1,360 per month with utilities included. D. Coons suggested that if larger buildings were allowed, the savings for the developer should be reflected in lower rental costs. Otherwise, he said he could not support a 48-unit option. L. Wiles said he could not support it either, noting that the 16-unit maximum was a result of the insistence by residents and was lower than what the Board had supported. He, L. El-Azem, and M. Newman suggested a compromise between the two plans, proposing that any larger buildings could be placed towards the back of the lot so that they would not be as visible from Perkins Road. L. Reilly stated that even if they were set back, those large structures would still pose a negative visual impact from Perkins Road. L. Wiles also questioned whether traffic would become an issue on both Perkins and Vista Ridge Drive if the NH DOT places a median on Rockingham Road intended to prevent left turns onto Perkins Road. J. Laferriere agreed that the 48-unit choice was too large and that based on the rent quoted, the applicant's income should still make the 16-unit choice viable. Any plan, he said, should take into account the number of children that would be added to the area. He encouraged sidewalks throughout the development, a weather shelter, and a designated area for waiting parents. L. El-Azem echoed the need for walkability both inside and outside the development. L. Reilly pointed out that the footprint of the 48-unit building was comparable to the Sleep Inn Hotel to the north, adding that even the hotel is only three stories high.

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> Abutters had been notified about this meeting by the applicant. A. Rugg asked for the input of those present. Benny Vachon, 63 Perkins Road, asked if the large elm and walnut trees on the site would be removed. M. Fougere replied that the intent is to preserve all vegetation along the existing stonewall, except for those trees that pose sight distance issues. If the applicant is allowed the single entrance as proposed, he said no trees would need to be removed. B. Vachon also inquired about proper notice for any blasting needed. M. Fougere replied that if blasting is required, all local and state regulations will be followed, including proper notification. Brian Mecciche, 59 Perkins Road, asked what heights the two different proposed buildings would be. buildings, M. Fougere replied, would be 38 feet high while the 16-unit buildings would be between 30 to 35 feet in height. Because he moved to Londonderry for the rural atmosphere, B. Mecciche expressed his dislike of the larger buildings. He asked for preservation of the farmhouse and viewshed as well as the inclusion of sidewalks as discussed. Jimmy Fabiano, 61 Perkins Road, explained that he also moved to town to escape the more intrusive development of the Boston area. He suggested that single family homes with increased density be built there instead. Dave Maloney, 2 Crestview Circle, thanked the applicant for involving the abutters so early in the process. If both the Shops at Londonderry and this development are built, he suggested installing a sidewalk from Perkins Road to the one currently on Vista Ridge Drive. He added that some of the rent amounts at Vista Ridge condominiums are less than \$1,350.

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A. Rugg clarified for A. Garron and the applicant that overall preference of the Board was for 16-unit scenario. M. Fougere said the input would be used to research a revised proposal.

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B. Orchard Christian Church – Conceptual discussion of a site plan for a proposed church with associated site improvements, Map 6, Lot 18-2, 136 Pillsbury Road, Zoned AR-1.

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[M. Newman recused herself and left the room at 8:40 PM].

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Jeff Lewis of Northpoint Engineering and Doug Campbell from the Orchard Christian Church presented this update of a conceptual plan first brought before the Board at the December 14, 2011 meeting. Based on comments at that time concerning the aesthetics along that portion of the State designated scenic byway, the 400-seat sanctuary has been reduced to 300 seats and moved from the west side of the proposed parking lot to its northeastern

corner. Smaller structures for classrooms and office space would flank the east and west sides of the sanctuary respectively. This would comprise Phases I and II of the plan, but for reference, J. Lewis also presented the conceptual master plan for the site. It includes an expansion of the sanctuary on the western side of the proposed office space and a larger parking lot west of the proposed Phase I parking (see Attachment #3). The applicant is seeking further input on this revised conceptual design before submitting for Design Review. D. Campbell added that a total of three rows of apple trees are now proposed as a buffer between the parking lot and Pillsbury Road. Moose Hill Orchards has informed the applicant that once the site is developed, it would no longer be economically viable for them to maintain any remaining trees. Gary Thomas from Northpoint Construction Management added that the proposed septic system and parking would require blasting, which would eliminate any surplus trees in that area.

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A. Rugg asked for staff input. A. Garron and J. Trottier thanked the applicant for better preserving the view along the Town's Apple Way. A. Garron confirmed that the strip of area between the parking and the building would be vegetated.

A. Rugg asked for Board input. Board members also thanked the applicant for the revised plans which reflected their comments at the December meeting. J. Laferriere confirmed that the applicant is aware that since the School Board has given approval for the sewer easement on the site, a warrant article will be needed at Town meeting for final approval. L. Reilly asked if the second parking area in the master plan would be elevated based on topography on the site. J. Lewis stated that the portion of the Phase I parking nearest the sanctuary would be approximately a story higher than the rest, but that the rear parking would not exceed that. L. Reilly thought a large portion of the parking would still be visible from Pillsbury Road, but said the overall changes to the plan were a significant improvement.

J. Lewis thanked the Board and said a plan would be submitted for design review in the very near future.

36 Other Business

[M. Newman returned at 8:52].

A. Planning Board discussion on possible amendments to the sign ordinance.

 M. Soares was not present to present this. C. May said she would add the topic to the next agenda.

B. The Planning Board to decide on a proposed amendment to the Planning Board Rules of Procedure regarding staff presentation of comments and recommendations.

This item was covered under "Discussion with Staff."

1	Adjournment:
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3	D. Coons made a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Brideau seconded
4	the motion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.
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15	Lynn Wiles Secretary

Proposed amendment to the Planning Board Procedures document, Section 6 Public Hearing, subsection 6.4:

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The conduct of public hearings shall be governed by the following rules:

Present wording:

6.4. The Town staff will present any comments or recommendations to the Board.

Proposed wording:

T. Freda version

6.4 The Town Staff will present any comments or recommendations to the Board and may do so orally or in writing. With the consent of the applicant(s), the applicant(s) may waive any or all of the public reading by Staff of its comments. Notwithstanding any waiver of public reading, Staff's written recommendations shall be entered into the record of the hearing and the minutes of the meeting. Copies of any such recommendations shall be furnished to any member of the public so requesting.

Staff version

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A WORKFORCE HOUSING PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 674:58-61 AND VIA LONDONDERRY INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE 2.2.5.

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THE MONAHAN COMPANIES

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