# LONDONDERRY, NH PLANNING BOARD

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2009 AT THE MOOSE HILL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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7:00 PM: Members Present: Art Rugg; John Farrell; Rick Brideau, CNHA, Ex-Officio; Paul DiMarco, Ex-Officio; Charles Tilgner, P.E., Ex-Officio; Mary Soares; Lynn Wiles; Laura El-Azem; Chris Davies, alternate member; Cole Melendy, P.E., alternate member

Also Present: Tim Thompson, AICP; John Trottier, P.E.; Cathy Dirsa, Planning Department Secretary; Sara Nelson, Summer Intern

A. Rugg called the meeting to order at 7 PM. A. Rugg appointed C. Davies to vote for M. Soares until she arrives and C. Melendy to vote for R. Nichols.

A. Rugg announced that the following public hearing has requested a continuance.

## Public Hearings

C. William & June Puglisi, Map 17, Lots 30 & 30-1 - Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for a 4 lot subdivision and a Conditional Use Permit. - Request Continuance to July 1, 2009

T. Thompson referenced the letter from Joseph Wichert, surveyor for the project, requesting a continuance to July 1, 2009 to allow time for them to obtain the required recommendation from the Conservation Commission for the Conditional Use Permit.

J. Farrell made a motion to continue the public hearing to July 1, 2009 at 7pm. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. Hearing continued to July 1, 2009 at 7PM. A. Rugg said this will be the only public notice.

#### **Administrative Board Work**

A. Plans to Sign – Reed Subdivision - Map 9, Lot 63

J. Trottier said all precedent conditions for approval have been met and the staff recommends signing the plans.

J. Farrell made a motion to authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign the plans. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. A. Rugg said the plans will be signed at the conclusion of the meeting by the Chair and Secretary. If the Assistant Secretary and Secretary are not present by the end of the meeting the Vice Chair will sign.

- B. Plans to Sign Elizabeth Meadows Subdivision Map 15, Lot 3
  - J. Trottier said all precedent conditions for approval have been met and the staff recommends signing the plans.
  - J. Farrell made a motion to authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign the plans. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. A. Rugg said the plans will be signed at the conclusion of the meeting by the Chair and Secretary. If the Assistant Secretary and Secretary are not present by the end of the meeting the Vice Chair will sign.

C. Plans to Sign – Ravenna Amended Site Plan - Map 7, Lot 40-5

- T. Thompson mentioned that Starbucks has opted not to move into the space at the plaza on route 102 and Orchard View Drive. They have found a bank tenant for the space. The Planning Board did allow this plan to be brought back with an amendment changing the plans to indicate a bank vs a restaurant approval. Due to the change in use a revised traffic study was done, which showed a reduction of 118 less weekday a.m. peak hour trips and 22 less p.m. peak hour trips. Thompson recommended to the Board that the Applicant shall return to the Planning Board for a further amendment to the site plan, indicating signage design for the bank user prior to the issuance of any permits for signage being issued by the Building Inspector, in accordance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
- J. Farrell made a motion to authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign the plans and noted that the Applicant shall return to the Planning Board for a further amendment to the site plan, indicating signage design for the bank user prior to the issuance of any permits for signage being issued by the Building Inspector, in accordance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. A. Rugg said the plans will be signed at the conclusion of the meeting by the Chair and Secretary. If the Assistant Secretary and Secretary are not present by the end of the meeting the Vice Chair will sign.
- D. Approval of Minutes May 6 & 13
  - J. Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6 meeting. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 8-0-1 (C. Tilgner abstained because he was absent at the May 6 meeting). Minutes are approved and will be signed at the June 10 meeting.
  - J. Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13 meeting. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 5-0-4 (C. Tilgner, L. Wiles, C. Davies, C. Melendy abstained because they were absent at the May 13 meeting). Minutes are approved and will be signed at the June 10 meeting.

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#### E. Introduction of summer intern Sara Nelson

T. Thompson introduced Sara to the Board. Sara comes to us from Clark University in Worcester MA. She is very close to finishing up her graduate degree. She will be working on a variety of projects this summer.

F. Discussions with Town Staff

T. Thompson said there will be an Administrative Review Committee (ARC) meeting June 23 at 2:00PM in the Elwood conference room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Hall). The ARC consists of Tim Thompson, John Trottier and Richard Canuel. They will be reviewing 2 minor site plans. One is for McDonald's for a 273 s.f. storage addition and the other is for PSNH for a modification to their public utility communication facility (minor accessory shelter building and an emergency generator). The Board will be brought the plans once they've met the conditions of approval, if any, that the ARC has determined.

Reminder that next week's meeting will include a public hearing for the site plan and subdivision amendments for the process improvements. Small area master plan is also on the agenda. Jack Munn will be there to give an update after the workshop that was held in April. There will also be a workshop (a new state law taking effect in July) relating to small wind energy systems, which requires some ordinance language. There is a model ordinance developed by the State of NH, office of energy of planning that's been adopted in several communities. Most of the approval for the language would be determined by the Building Department since these are usually associated with single-family developments for those that want to have some alternative energy producing activities on their lots.

T. Thompson said July 8 will tentatively be the next workshop discussion for workforce housing. Staff will schedule a meeting with legal council to review comments and proposed ordinance changes that are being prepared following the public hearing in May. Bill Scott, from the Town of Salem, will also be on the agenda for discussion on the Salem-Derry transit service program.

He stated that CIP met last week and elected John Farrell as Chairman, Ron Campo as Vice Chair. Memos have been sent out to all the Board and Committees requesting project submissions. The deadline for submissions is July 24, 2009. The CIP will meet again in August to review, score the projects and bear the draft of the CIP, which will be coming to the Planning Board for a workshop in September and a public hearing in October.

J. Farrell mentioned that in going through the plans from last year there is \$420,000 in the CIP for improvements to the drop-off center. He said the CIP committee has asked DPW to review the drop-off center and take under consideration whether a transfer station may be necessary sometime in the future and what the costs would be. The CIP committee has requested DPW to make this part of their July submission.

# **Public Hearings**

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A. New Harbor Properties, Inc., Map 10, Lot 1-1 - Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for a condominium conversion of existing office space.

T. Thompson stated that there were no checklist items, and staff recommended the application be accepted as complete.

J. Farrell made a motion to accept the application as complete. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. Application accepted as complete.

Joseph Maynard, Benchmark Engineering, presented their plans to convert office space individual ownership to condominium ownership. He said there is a CO district to which they have requested a waiver. They have also requested a waiver to show the plans on one sheet vs multiple sheets.

J. Trottier summarized the design review items from the DPW/Stantec memo and read the waiver requests into the record:

1. The applicant is requesting a waiver to section 3.02 of the regulations. The Applicant has not set 2 monuments at the northerly property corners. Staff recommends *granting* the waiver, as these lot corners are in wetland areas, and monuments are not realistically possible in these locations.

2. The applicant is requesting a waiver to section 3.02.C of the regulations. The applicant has not provided CO District Signage. Staff recommends *granting* the waiver, as there are no changes proposed to the site, and there are already improvements within the buffer areas.

3. The applicant is requesting a waiver to section 4.01.C of the regulations. The applicant has not provided plans at the required 1"=40' scale. Staff recommends *granting* the waiver, as the plans can be shown on a single sheet at the provided 50' scale plans, and no improvements requiring the added detail of 40' scale plans are proposed.

T. Thompson said staff recommends conditional approval as outlined in the staff recommendation memo.

A. Rugg asked for public input, but there was none.

J. Farrell made a motion to grant the waivers to sections 3.02, 3.02.C and 4.01.C based on the applicant's letter and staff recommendation. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. Waivers granted.

J. Farrell made a motion to conditionally approve the plan with the following conditions:

"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**

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.

1. The Applicant shall address the following on the site plan:

A. The Applicant shall label the street addresses for the proposed buildings as typically requested by the Assessor and verify the comments of the Assessing Department have been adequately addressed with the Department.

B. The Applicant shall update note 2 consistent with the title block (i.e. lot 1-2).

C. The Applicant shall note/reference where the wetland limits information shown was obtained from in accordance with the regulations.

D. Final approval of this condominium conversion is dependent on approval of the associated subdivision creating the lot 1-2. The associated subdivision shall be signed by the Planning Board prior to final approval of this plan.

2. Note all waivers granted on the plan.

3. The Applicant shall provide a digital (electronic) copy of the complete final plan sent to the Town at the time of signature by the Board in accordance with Section 2.06.N of the regulations.

4. The Applicant shall provide a check for \$25 (made payable to the *Rockingham County Registry of Deeds*) to pay for the LCHIP tax that became effective on recording of all plans and documents at the registry on July 1, 2008.

5. Outside consultant's fees shall be paid within 30 days of approval of plan.

6. Financial guaranty if necessary.

7. Final engineering review

 <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 within 2 years to the day of the meeting at which the Planning Board grants conditional approval 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.

### **GENERAL AND SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS**

All of the conditions below are attached to this approval.

 No construction or site work for the amended site plan may be undertaken until the pre-construction meeting with Town staff has taken place, filing of an NPDES-EPA Permit and the site restoration financial guaranty is in place with the Town. Contact the Department of Public Works to arrange for this meeting (If applicable).

 2. The project must be built and executed exactly as specified in the approved application package unless modifications are approved by the Planning Department & Department of Public Works, or if staff deems applicable, the Planning Board.

3. All of the documentation submitted in the application package by the Applicant and any requirements imposed by other agencies are part of this approval unless otherwise updated, revised, clarified in some manner, or superseded in full or in part. In the case of conflicting information between documents, the most recent documentation and this notice herein shall generally be determining.

 4. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to obtain all other local, state, and federal permits, licenses, and approvals which may be required as part of this project (that were not received prior to certification of the plans). Contact the Building Department at extension 115 regarding building permits.

**R. Brideau seconded the motion.** No discussion. **Vote on the motion: 9-0-0.** Plan is conditionally approved.

[ M. Soars arrived at 7:25PM ] C. Davies will now vote for R. Nichols, C. Melendy will return to alternate member status.

B. William T. & Muriel E. Cullen, Map 8, Lot 2A - Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for a 3 lot subdivision.

T. Thompson stated that there were no checklist items, and staff recommended the application be accepted as complete.

J. Farrell made a motion to accept the application as complete. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. Application accepted as complete.

Joseph Maynard, Benchmark Engineering, and Paul Zarnowski presented their plans. This is a 5 acre lot that they want to subdivide for 4 single family dwellings and 1 duplex.

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J. Trottier summarized the design review items from the DPW/Stantec memo and read the waivers to section 3.05 and 3.09.F.2 of the regulations into the record:

1. The applicant is requesting a waiver to section 3.05. The applicant is proposing overhead utilities where underground utilities are required. Staff recommends *granting* the waiver, as all existing homes in the area are already utilizing overhead utilities and such waiver is consistent with past Board action on similar requests when overhead utilities already exist.

2. The applicant is requesting a waiver to section 3.09.F.2. The existing driveway for the existing home to remain does not meet the requirements of Exhibit D2 (Profile A) for sight distance. Planning Staff recommends *granting* the waiver, as the obstruction is within the pavement of High Range Road, and the costs for eliminating the obstruction for an *existing driveway* are substantial, and lacks a rational nexus in proportion to the improvements being made for the subdivision. Public Works staff recommends *denial* of the waiver, and for the improvements to be made to High Range Road.

T. Thompson said staff recommends conditional approval as outlined in the staff recommendation memo.

A.Rugg asked for public input.

Stephanie Miville, 15 Raintree Drive, asked about drainage for the site. J. Maynard reviewed the drainage plans, including the current retention pond. He said the drainage will flow toward High Range.

Matt Duffy, 11 Imperial Drive, asked for clarification on the wetlands buffer. T. Thompson provided clarification.

Dan Maher, 7 Imperial Drive, said he is also concerned about the wetlands buffer and asked if family members will occupy the parcels. J. Maynard confirmed that family members will occupy the parcels.

There was no further public comment.

J. Farrell made a motion to grant the waivers to section 3.05 and 3.09.F.2 based on the applicant's letter and staff recommendation. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. Waivers granted.

J. Farrell made a motion to conditionally approve the subdivision plan with the following conditions:

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1. The Applicant shall provide a professional endorsement (signature) for certified soil Scientist (CSS) stamp on sheet 3.

2. Note all waivers granted on the plan.

3. The Applicant shall provide a digital (electronic) copy of the complete final plan sent to the Town at the time of signature by the Board in accordance with Section 2.06.N of the regulations.

4. The Applicant shall provide a check for \$25 (made payable to the *Rockingham County Registry of Deeds*) to pay for the LCHIP tax that became effective on recording of all plans and documents at the registry on July 1, 2008.

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All of the conditions below are attached to this approval.

 No construction or site work for the subdivision may be undertaken until the pre-construction meeting with Town staff has taken place, filing of an NPDES-EPA Permit and the site restoration financial guaranty is in place with the Town (as applicable). Contact the Department of Public Works to arrange for this meeting.

- 2. The project must be built and executed exactly as specified in the approved application package unless modifications are approved by the Planning Department & Department of Public Works, or if staff deems applicable, the Planning Board.
- 3. All of the documentation submitted in the application package by the Applicant and any requirements imposed by other agencies are part of this approval unless otherwise updated, revised, clarified in some manner, or superseded in full or in part. In the case of conflicting information between documents, the most recent documentation and this notice herein shall generally be determining.
- 4. All site improvements must be completed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- 5. As built plans must to be submitted to the Public Works Department prior to the release of the Applicant's financial guaranty.
- 6. All required School, Library, Recreation, Traffic, Police, and Fire impact fees must be paid prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the newly created lots.
- 7. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to obtain all other local, state, and federal permits, licenses, and approvals which may be required as part of this project (that were not received prior to certification of the plans). Contact the Building Division at extension 115 regarding building permits.
- **R. Brideau seconded the motion.** No discussion. **Vote on the motion: 9-0-0**. Plan is conditionally approved.

#### **Other Business**

None.

## **Adjournment:**

J. Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Brideau seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote on the motion: 9-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

These minutes prepared by Cathy Dirsa, Planning Division Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Wing Soares, Secretary