

# Minutes

## New Durham Planning Board

### October 16, 2012

Chairperson Scott Drummey called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**Roll Call:** Scott Drummey (Chair), Dot Veisel, David Bickford (Selectman's Representative), Bob Craycraft (Vice-Chair), Paul Raslavicus, Craig Groom (Alternate)

**Public Input:** Chair Scott Drummey asked if there was any public input. There was none.

**Board of Selectmen Staffing Plan:** David Allen reported that the Board of Selectmen has decided to reduce the staffing for the Planning Board, ZBA, and Conservation Commission from full time to less than full time for the 2013 budget. The number of hours has not yet been stated. He said that on the basis of this change he planned to retire on December 31, 2012.

Board members expressed great concern at the plan to reduce hours. They said they would not only lose time but professional services. They would need to take on much more of the work as volunteers.

David Bickford spoke as the Selectmen's Representative. He said that Mr. Don Jutton of Municipal Resources, Inc. had assured the Selectmen that other towns the size of New Durham have less than full time staff focused on the clerical aspect of the job. He asked members of the Board to spell out the specific staffing needs they felt were important for the Board to have.

The discussion was lengthy and contentious. The Board made no decisions about next steps.

**Planning Board Budget:** The Board reviewed the budget except for the personnel lines. They felt that the contract services needed to be increased from \$1500 to \$2800 due to the loss of professional staff.

**New/Old Business:** Scott Drummey asked if minutes of the non-public meeting of October 2, 2012 should be on the website. David Bickford said yes. Scott asked Mr. Allen to upload them.

Paul Raslavicus moved to adjourn at 8:43 PM. Bob Craycraft seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Allen  
Land Use Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by vote of the Planning Board on 11/6/2012.

Town of New Durham