

**MINUTES
NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD
5 MAY 2015**

Chair Drummey called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Roll Call: Scott Drummey (Chair), Bob Craycraft (Vice Chair), Dot Veisel, Greg Anthes (Selectmen's Representative), Recording Secretary Amy Smith.

Excused: Terry Chabot

Others Present: Videographer Corky Mork, Dave Bickford

Public Input: There was no public input.

Signing of Appointment Form for Dot Veisel

Board members signed the Appointment Form for Dot Veisel who was appointed as a full Board member at the 21 April 2015 meeting. Ms. Veisel took the Oath of Office before Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie MacKenzie.

SB - 146

Ms. Smith passed out hard copies of SB-146 that she had received from Fire Chief Pete Varney. Chair Drummey noted Mr. Varney is also a State Representative from Alton. Chair Drummey stated the Bill establishes requirements for local regulation of accessory dwelling units and basically mandates Towns allow accessory dwelling units for all single family residences. Board members expressed concern regarding parking and septic, especially on smaller lakefront lots. New Durham's Representative Dave Bickford stated he did not think the Bill should be passed as it takes control away from local Planning Boards. Mr. Bickford noted local Planning Boards know their communities best. Mr. Bickford also noted Towns already have the capability of allowing accessory dwelling units. It was noted Mr. Raslavicus did a good job drafting New Durham's accessory dwelling unit regulations. Mr. Bickford noted the Bill will be voted on Tuesday 12 May 2015. Chair Drummey suggested the Board send a letter addressing their concerns. Mr. Bickford stated the letter should be sent to Representative Jim Belanger. Board members felt the letter should note: potential congestion, loss of local control, lack of adequate safeguards for septic and water, and loss of sense of community. Chair Drummey and Vice Chair Craycraft agreed to work on the letter together.

Mr. Bickford noted there is another Bill in the Senate that is of concern. If passed, it would allow a majority of Zoning Board of Adjustment members (two) to grant a variance or special exception as opposed to the current requirement of three.

Rules of Procedure Update

Ms. Smith passed out amended Rules of Procedure documents incorporating the changes to date. Ms. Smith read the changes aloud as required in Article XXIII- A "Adoption and Amendments" of the Rules of Procedure document. Mr. Bickford suggested designating an 'official' posting location. Board members agreed to change Article XII- D to read "Public notice shall be posted

on the Town's website , www.newdurhamnh.us , and at least one of the following two locations : Town Hall or Post Office.” Mr. Bickford noted a typo in Section VII- J, the word ‘hearing’ should be added after the word “public” in the third line from the bottom. Chair Drummey suggested for Article VI -E adding ‘RSA 673:3-a’ after the word ‘Training’. Ms. Smith will make the changes to the document and have it ready for Board signature at the 19 May 2015 meeting.

Review of Minutes

Board members reviewed the minutes of 21 April 2015.

Vice Chair Craycraft made a motion to approve the minutes of 21 April 2015 as printed. Ms. Veisel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Computer Backup

There was a brief discussion regarding backup of the land use computer files. Ms. Smith explained her current system. Chair Drummey stated there should be an automatic backup for the computer. Ms. Smith stated the request for automatic backup software was included in the 9 April 2015 e-mail to Town Administrator Bourgeois when the memo was sent regarding retaining the land use computer and not switching to a thin client. Chair Drummey stated there should be at least 3 sets of backups. Mr. Bickford suggested Ms. Smith send Town Administrator Bourgeois an e-mail regarding backup.

Review of Mail

Board members reviewed the mail.

Potential New Member

Mr. Anthes stated he has been in contact with someone who may be interested in serving on the Planning Board. Chair Drummey suggested Mr. Anthes invite the person to attend the next Planning Board meeting.

At 8:50 pm Vice Chair Craycraft made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Veisel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Smith
Recording Secretary