

New Durham Planning Board Meeting

April 4, 2017

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NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD

New Durham Town Hall

April 4, 2017, 7:00p.m.

Present

Chair Scott Drummey

David Swenson

Bob Craycraft

David Swenson

Dot Veisel

Terry Chabot

Jeff Allard, Alternate

Also Present

Town Administrator Kinmond

Laura Zuzgo, Administrative Assistant

Maureen Berkowitz, resident

Call to Order

Chair Drummey called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Agenda Review

Chair Swenson added discussion of the Planning Board Commission Projects.

New Business

Possibility of Subdivision Discussion

The proposal for possible subdivision of property by Maureen Berkowitz was reviewed and discussed. Ms. Berkowitz explained the property of Map 259, Lot 6 is a large piece and they are not sure what to do with it as its partially landlocked. The zoning classifications were reviewed and discussed. Ms. Berkowitz stated they would like to be able to subdivide for their three children. It was clarified there are 49 acres in discussion and all in current use. There was also discussion of the location of a cemetery bordering the lots and access laws. The maps and subdivision options were discussed.

Continuation: Penny Williams Conditional Use Permit

The Operating Maintenance Report and Drainage Plan as requested, were presented and reviewed by the Board. The Board requested to have the Town's building log reviewed from the time storm water rights ordinance was established. Selectman Swenson recommended having the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer review as well along with Ms. Zuzgo per Mr. Zuzgo. The shoreline application has been completed and sent for State's approval. The test pit results were reviewed and determined to be acceptable. Updated photos of the site were also requested.

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Selectman Swenson made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for Map 240 Lot 37, subject to four conditions as follows: revisions to Operating Maintenance Plan including certified signoff page and Town name correction; receipt of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services shoreline permit; addition to the existing slopes plan the statement “no disturbance allowed at any colored section”; and add a note to the overall condition site plan that “an Operating Maintenance Plan is in place and is to be followed and transfers to any subsequent owner”; also subject to the conditions that were previously noted and required when the work is complete: verification that appropriate topsoil amounts are in place, other materials are used to retain topsoil along with verification that the vegetation that is used is providing the designed intent and the photo season evidence that in the growing season the vegetation is retained and thriving as planned; and with the understanding that any acceptance of this application and decisions related to the plan do not imply approval of any subsequent activity by the Board of this property. A final confirmation after all the work has been completed that the slope ratio is no more than 3 to 1. Ms. Viesel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting of March 21, 2017 – Edits were made. **Mr. Craycraft made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Viesel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

Mail/Correspondence

None was reviewed.

Merrymeeting Watershed Overlay District

The Ordinance placement location in the current New Durham Zoning Ordinance was reviewed and discussed. Chair Drummey stated he requested the updates be reviewed by Town Counsel, which was done and outlined the suggestions offered.

Master Plan Update – Responsibilities/Success Measurement

An update to the Master Plan Responsibilities section was distributed and reviewed. Mr. Swenson requested all to review and look for redundancies and possible deletions where appropriate.

Miscellaneous Update Information

Selectman Swenson explained the legislation being discussed involved towns that postponed election dates to hold another election on May 23 to ratify the election that was postponed and explained the details further. He stated he submitted a letter in opposition to the legislation to the State.

Selectman Swenson gave a summary of the safety improvements discussed at a recent forum with NH DOT and Town departments. These include: Tash Road safety improvements, Depot Road safety improvements, sidewalk from school to ballfield. The Planning Board priorities in order were Depot Road, Tash Road, and sidewalk.

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Selectman Swenson noted there is a cynobacteria meeting on April 13, 2017, 7:00pm at the New Durham School. It is open to the public.

Mr. Allard asked if the workforce housing study had come through yet. Mr. Craycraft replied it has been found and is being distributed.

Adjourn

Selectman Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Chabot seconded the motion.

Motion passed, 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary