

*New Durham Planning Board Meeting*

*January 3, 2017*

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**NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD**

**New Durham School**

**January 3, 2017, 7:00p.m.**

**Present**

Scott Drummey, Chairman

Bob Craycraft, Vice-Chairman

David Swenson, Selectman's Representative

Dot Veisel, Member

Terry Chabot, Member

Jeff Allard, Alternate

**Also Present:**

Laura Zuzgo, Administrative Assistant

David Bickford, Resident

60+ residents from New Durham, Wolfeboro, Middleton, and Surrounding Towns

**Call to Order**

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

**Public Input**

David Bickford, resident, presented a copy of Planning Board Policy and Procedures relative to RSAs and asked for clarification whether property abutters are permitted to vote on particular issues.

**Public Hearing -Green Oak Realty Excavation Permit**

Chair Drummey stated a letter was received requesting continuation of the application permit pending a special exception approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He stated they would need to continue the hearing until such time as the ZBA has made a decision on any exception. At that point the applicant will have to re-notify all abutters.

**Selectman Swenson made a motion for a continuance of the Green Oak Realty Excavation Permit until the ZBA decision is made. Ms. Veisel seconded the motion.**

Discussion: Questions were asked by members of the public and the process was explained by Chair Drummey. Chair Drummey stated the Strafford Regional Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on January 10, 2017 to discuss the potential regional impact of the gravel pit.

**Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

**Merrymeeting Lake Watershed Overlay District Proposal**

There was discussion of the Planning Board Policy and Procedure regarding whether planning board members who are abutters or otherwise involved with applications should be involved with the discussions and vote or whether recusal is needed. The policy and RSA were reviewed and discussed.

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The public hearing was opened at 7:42p.m.

Jeff Allard, Alternate Member, explained the intentions of the proposal which is to protect the watershed of Merrymeeting Lake. He gave an overview of the proposal and the benefits to pursuing the protection of the valuable lands within New Durham. Comments were heard from members of the public. There was extensive discussion and concerns presented regarding the details of the proposal.

**Mr. Craycraft made a motion to move forward with adding the Proposal to the Town Warrant incorporating the editorial changes and revise the map to include only the watershed boundary in New Durham. Ms. Chabot seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4-0-1.** Selectman Swenson abstained.

**Approval of Minutes**

Meeting of November 29, 2016 – Edits were made. **Mr. Craycraft made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

Meeting of December 6, 2016 – Edits were made. **Mr. Craycraft made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Selectman Swenson seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

Meeting of December 20, 2016 – Edits were made. **Ms. Veisel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Chabot seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4-0-1.** Mr. Craycraft abstained.

**Mail and Correspondence**

Strafford Regional Planning Commission sent notices regarding potential funding opportunity and an upcoming air quality mitigation.

A letter was received from BCM Environmental regarding the Green Oak Realty excavation proposal on behalf of the Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club.

**Other**

Selectman Swenson distributed copies of a spreadsheet he developed of the various goals, responsibilities and strategies for Town departments and offices. This was reviewed and Selectman Swenson suggested each member take a section to work through and the sections were assigned.

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<b>New Durham Master Plan - Chart of Assignments To ID Responsibility (010317)</b>	
<b>Section</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Town Facilities & Services	Swenson
Natural Resources	Craycraft
Town Appearance & Character	Allard
Community Well - Being	Veisel
Land Use	Drummey
Housing	Chabot
Transportation	Swenson

There was further discussion of the Merrymeeting Watershed Ordinance proposal.

**Chair Drummey made a motion to propose the Town Administrator seek specific legal counsel to review the Merrymeeting Watershed Ordinance and help assist with developing language in preparation for presentation on the warrant article. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

**Adjourn**

**Selectman Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary