

Draft Minutes

NORTH HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD Work Session August 15, 2005

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Town of North Hampton Work Session Meeting Minutes Monday, August 15, 2005

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Present: (1) Phil Wilson, Chair; (2) Shep Kroner, Vice Chair; (3) Laurel Pohl; (4) Joseph

Arena; (5) Alternates Present: (1) Rich Goeselt

Members Absent: (1) Jon Rineman, Selectman and Craig Salomon

In Attendance: Jill Robinson – RPC Circuit Rider Mr. Kroner convened the meeting at 6:30 PM

Mr. Goeselt was sat for Mr. Salomon.

First item on our agenda was to review the sign ordinance as presented to the board by the Sign Ordinance sub-committee.

Jill Robinson took us through the ordinance line by line, and Phil Wilson's red line edits were entirely based on formatting and word-smithing.

Judy Day had visited the RPC and provided Jill Robinson some inputs for the night's meetings. Ted Turchin had also provided some inputs. Ted had apparently contacted the Executive Director Cliff Sinnott regarding some concerns he had.

Ted Turchin was unclear what a Conditional Use Permit was and had asked Cliff to clarify this.

RSA 6:21 allows for Conditional Permits which are administered through the planning board, and differs from a special exception.

In regards to Ted's input it was decided that the public can provide its input during the public input sessions. The sub-committee has to do its job, and the sign sub-committee had invited

members to attend including the business district. Only Gary Stevens attended all the meetings, with Ted Fucci attending at least a couple. Ted had made some good points regarding criteria for waivers from the conditional use permit. However, conditional use permits either satisfy the criteria or they do not. We can likely adopt the criteria for wetland crossings, as a conditional use permit.

Most people in attendance felt that Ted was against our efforts, and would prefer a relaxing of the sign standards, which is in clear opposition to what the board believe is right.

The material Ted had provided and the material Judy provided was handed out to the board.

Balloon signs were discussed in detail, and we decided finally to limit balloons to a certain square footage.

No dimension is to exceed 1 balloon when inflated larger than 2 feet high 2 feet wide or 2 feet tall. 35 feet high is the maximum.

Phil Wilson made a motion to send the sign ordinance to our attorney Mr. Ryan. Mr. Arena 2nd the motion and the board voted unanimously to have the sign ordinance passed on to our attorney for legal review.

<u>Grey stone Village of North Hampton</u> (GFI North Hampton) representatives Ed & xxxxxx, came before the board to see if it would approve some language that was not of a material change to one of our conditions of approval. The lender had concerns over some of the language.

Jill was asked if the changes to condition # 2 were a material change, she thought it did not. Michelle Peckham was also asked.

Phil Wilson made a motion to accept the amended changes to the declaration of covenants (condition # 2) of approval, it was seconded by Dr. Arena, and the vote was unanimous.

Last item on the agenda was a review of attempts to calculate the tax rate for purposes of improving the C.I.P.

Laurel Pohl went over the process she helped to develop of having a fiscal analysis. The reason we need to do this is because not all the data is available from the town, due to historic systems.

By identifying future capital investments, we must know how they will impact the tax rate, which is the basis for the C.I.P tax projection process.

Phil Wilson believed that it was necessary for us to be able to determine an estimate of the tax rate. It is unclear why other boards are unhappy with this effort. It would be best if we all work together. The BoS feels that it could be a situation we would want to avoid in having the tax payers relying on these estimates.

Ultimately, the Budget Committee, and the Board of Selectman should work in tandem on insuring the C.I.P is a solid working document that insures a stable tax rate.

We continued to review the specifics behind the projections.

The board also mentioned that we are missing a number of minutes.

Adjournment

Phil Wilson moved and Dr. Arena seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) to adjourn

We tabled minutes because we had none to review.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Shepherd. Kroner Vice Chair Planning Board