



MEETING MINUTES
NORTH HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD
Work Session
Monday, November 21, 2005

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The Planning Board Work Session was held in the Town of North Hampton Mary Herbert Conference room, 233 Atlantic Ave., at 7:00pm.

Present: (1) Phil Wilson, Chair; (2) Judy Day; (3) Joseph Arena; and (4) Laurel Pohl.

Alternates present: Rich Goeselt

Others present: Jill Robinson, Circuit Rider/RPC and Wendy Chase, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Shep Kroner, Vice Chair, Craig Salomon and Jon Rineman, Selectmen's Representative.

Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Mr. Wilson designated Mr. Goeselt to sit in for Mr. Kroner.

David Maxson of Broadcast Signal Lab, Attorney Peter Loughlin and Denis Kokernak were present to discuss the telecommunication ordinance.

Mr. Maxson delivered a Power Point presentation regarding ways to improve North Hampton's current ordinance.

Attorney Loughlin stated that the ordinance should reflect present day law as well as present day technology.

Attorney Loughlin will email a clean copy of the ordinance and a redline copy to each of the Board members.

Mr. Maxson's presentation touched on the following topics:

- Definitions and terms
- Height limits
- Control over each category of wireless communication service

Mr. Maxson commented on the fact that it is much easier to modify the current ordinance than to create a new ordinance from scratch.

It was discussed whether or not there would be enough time to place a telecommunication ordinance amendment on the March ballot. Ms. Robinson confirmed that there was time to hold required public hearings before the March vote.

Ms. Robinson commented on the many good suggested changes but asked if we were contemplating for the future or would we be locked into the DAS?

Mr. Maxson explained that satellites would revolutionize wireless communication but would not be seen for a very long time.

Dr. Arena stated that the Board needs to simplify the ordinance. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Mr. Maxson agreed to do a simplified version. Ms. Pohl stated that a simplified version of the ordinance would help in explaining it to the public at the public hearings.

Wendy was directed to place discussion of amendments to the telecommunication ordinance on the agenda for the Planning Board Work Session scheduled for December 19, 2005.

Mr. Wilson updated the Board on the Long Range Committee meetings. Ms. Day recommended that the Board schedule a time for discussion and comments on these meetings.

Ms. Day voiced concerns that the Committee did not meet in September and October and the importance of meeting monthly. Mr. Wilson informed her that they did meet in both months but did not have a quorum.

Mr. Wilson stated that the present results of the survey would be heard at the next Long Range Planning Committee meeting.

Ms. Day stated that she had procedural questions and comments regarding the Long Range Planning Committee. Mr. Wilson suggested Ms. Day write her questions and comments down for the Board to review and later discuss with her.

Dr. Arena stated that the manner in which the Long Range Planning Commission gathers its information is totally up to them. The Planning Board should not comment until after the information is presented to the Board.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Vision Forums had probably been the most widely publicized meetings in the history of the Town of North Hampton, and he mentioned various ways in which they had been publicized, including the required public notices. He said that his wife has sent out copies of the public notice of the first forum to increase the attendance at the Soup Supper, the proceeds from which were going to benefit the eighth graders who were raising funds for their annual trip to Washington, DC.

Ms. Day stated that she felt the Planning Board members should not send out mailings using their own personal means and that any events sponsored by the Planning Board should be paid out of the Planning Board budget. Ms. Pohl agreed.

The proposed Planning Board budget was discussed. Ms. Day would like to see an increase in the communication line. Ms. Pohl stated that one of the reasons the tax rate stayed level was that they were conservative.

Dr. Arena moved and Mr. Goeselt seconded the motion to accept the budget as presented. The vote was 3-2. Ms. Day and Ms. Pohl opposed.

Ms. Day suggested that the Planning Board approve expenditures made by the Board prior to the Town approval process.

Ms. Day moved and Mr. Goeselt seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:30pm. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase
Recording Secretary