



Meeting Minutes
Work Session
North Hampton Planning Board
Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:30pm
Town Hall, 233 Atlantic Avenue

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10 These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this meeting, not as a
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13 **Members present:** Shep Kroner, Chair; Laurel Pohl, Vice Chair, Joseph Arena, Barbara Kohl, Mike
14 Hornsby, Tim Harned, and Phil Wilson, Select Board Representative.

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16 **Members absent:** None

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18 **Alternates present:** Nancy Monaghan

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20 **Others present:** Brian Groth, RPC Circuit Rider, and Wendy Chase, Recording Secretary

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22 Mr. Kroner convened the final Public Hearing on proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments at 6:30pm,
23 and noted for the record that the Public Hearing was properly posted and there was a quorum of the
24 Board.

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26 There was no one from the Public in attendance.

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28 **Third Public Hearing** on proposed Amendments to the Sign Ordinance Article V, Section 506:

29 a. Article V, Section 506.2 – Add to the Definitions, G. Feather Flag or Feather-flag style Banner. A
30 lightweight portable advertising medium, mounted on a pole, that resembles a sail.

31 b. Article V, Section 506.5 – Add to Prohibited Signs, H. Feather Flag or Feather-flag style Banner. A
32 lightweight portable advertising medium, mounted on a pole, that resembles a sail.

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34 Ms. Pohl arrived at 6:37pm.

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36 Mr. Harned asked whether the letter “G” was replacing the existing letter “G” under Section 506.2. It
37 was explained that the definitions are in alphabetical order and the current definition under “G” will
38 move down the list if the proposed amendment is passed by the legislative body.

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40 Mr. Kroner opened the Public Hearing at 6:38pm.

41 Mr. Kroner closed the Public Hearing at 6:39pm without public comment.

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43 Mr. Kroner opined that the feather flags are a popular vehicle for businesses in Town because they are
44 an affordable way to advertise, but they’ve become so profligate in Town and they deteriorate over
45 time and become unattractive. He said that even if they were allowed, but limited, it would be far too
46 cumbersome on any code enforcement.

47 **Mr. Harned moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion that the proposed amendment to Article V,**
48 **Section 506.2 and the proposed amendment to Article V, Section 506.5 be added to the March 2013**
49 **Town Warrant.**

50 **The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (7-0).**

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52 The Amendments to Sections 506.2 and 506.5 will appear on the 2013 Warrant unanimously
53 recommended by the Planning Board.

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55 **Third Public Hearing** on proposed Amendments to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Article IV,
56 Section 418 to implement a “trigger” that the ordinance would only come into effect if it is
57 demonstrated that the Town is below its “fair share” and a proposed process that calculates the
58 percentage of a development that must be affordable so that the Town will eventually meet its required
59 “fair share” of affordable housing.

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61 Mr. Kroner complimented those members who drafted the proposed amendment to Section 418 and
62 said that it is an important addition to the Ordinance; it further strengthens the commitment of the
63 Town to achieve the goals of the Town for Inclusionary Housing.

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65 Mr. Kroner opened the Public Hearing at 6:42pm.

66 Mr. Kroner closed the Public Hearing at 6:43pm without public comment.

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68 The Board discussed adding an example in the form of a “table” that would give people a better
69 understanding of how the calculated process works.

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71 Mr. Wilson commented that a lot of people struggle with numbers and it may be a good idea to come up
72 with a graph that illustrates the process.

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74 Ms. Kohl said that it should be designed in a way that everyone would understand.

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76 Mr. Wilson clarified that the “example graph” would not be included in the actual Inclusionary Housing
77 Ordinance; it would only be used as an aid in explaining the “fair share” calculation at the Deliberative
78 Session on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

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80 **Mr. Wilson moved and Ms. Pohl seconded the motion to place the proposed amendment to Article IV,**
81 **Section 418 on the March 2013 Town Warrant as presented.**

82 **The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (7-0).**

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84 The Amendments to Section 418 will appear on the 2013 Warrant unanimously recommended by the
85 Planning Board.

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87 The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:08pm without objection.

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89 Ms. Pohl convened the Work Session at 7:09pm.

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91 **Committee Updates:**

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93 **Long Range Planning** – Mr. Kroner updated the Board on the Heritage Commission’s proposed Chapter
94 for the Master Plan. He explained that the Commission has been working on “cleaning up” the Preamble
95 and will be voting on the final draft at their Thursday, January 17th morning meeting. They are also
96 double checking that it is factual.
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98 Mr. Kroner asked Mr. Groth if there had been any efforts made by the Rockingham Planning
99 Commission in securing a new Circuit Rider for the Town. Mr. Groth said that they have hired someone
100 to replace him and he will be helping her with the transition. Mr. Groth said that her first order of
101 business is to finalize the updated Master Plan.
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103 **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)** – Mr. Wilson said that the Committee is meeting on Friday, January 18,
104 2013 to add in final elements of the CIP for this year and the process should be wrapped up. He
105 commented that the CIP Committee does not approve or disapprove capital expenditures; the
106 Committee Members express their opinions, and if something comes in that is exurbanite, they may
107 come up with a suggested alternative; they do not make the final decisions, but they do prioritize them.
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109 The Applicant for Case #12:17 – 25 Lafayette Road, LLC that has been continued to the February 12,
110 2013 meeting requested the ARC hold a meeting to discuss changes he intends to make on the traffic
111 flow for the proposed addition of a bank on the site (M/L 003-087).
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113 Dr. Arena is on the ARC and suggested that they meet at the site.
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115 Mr. Harned suggested Ms. Chase email the ARC members and establish a time and place for the
116 meeting.
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118 **Minutes:**
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120 **November 27, 2012** – Mr. Kroner moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to approve the
121 November 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes.

122 The vote passed in favor of the motion (4 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstained). Ms. Kohl, Mr. Hornsby
123 and Ms. Pohl abstained because they were not present.
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125 **December 4, 2012** – Dr. Arena moved and Ms. Pohl seconded the motion to approve the December 4,
126 2012 Meeting Minutes.

127 The vote passed in favor of the motion (4 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions). Mr. Hornsby, Mr.
128 Wilson and Ms. Kohl abstained because they were not present.
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130 **December 18, 2012** – Dr. Arena moved and Mr. Kroner seconded the motion to approve the December
131 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wilson made an amendment to line #47 to add the word “been” in the
132 sentence.

133 The vote passed in favor of the motion and amendment (4 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions). Mr.
134 Harned, Ms. Kohl and Mr. Hornsby abstained because they were not present.
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136 **Correspondence from the Building Inspector** – Report from the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement
137 Officer. Mr. Harned asked why the addresses of the proposed violations were omitted from the report.
138 Ms. Kohl commented that formal complaints are public information.
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140 Ms. Chase explained that Mr. Kelley doesn't give out personal information while an investigation is
141 ongoing.

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143 Mr. Wilson said that Mr. Kelley knows the laws and is following 91:A under the section that protects a
144 person's reputation.

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146 The Board discussed the electronic message reader board on Lafayette Road. The north side of the sign
147 is broken and is emitting flashing scrambled letters and is potentially a traffic hazard. The Board agreed
148 that the Code Enforcement Officer should talk to the owner and have the sign turned off until it is fixed.

149 Mr. Kroner said that he would visit Mr. Kelley in the morning and ask him to do that, and if necessary he
150 will fill out a complaint form.

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152 The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm without objection.

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154 Respectfully submitted,

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156 Wendy V. Chase

157 Recording Secretary

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159 Approved as written February 19, 2013