

Shoreland Protection Ordinance Committee
Planning Board subcommittee
Minutes
June 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Barnard at 11:02AM in the Wolfeboro Inn Ballroom.

It was announced that this is a subcommittee meeting (subcommittee of the Planning Board) , is a public meeting, but not a public hearing.

Committee members Roger Murray (waterfront property owner and representing the Lake Wentworth Association), John Thurston (Planning Board member), Paul Montrone (waterfront property owner) and Vaune Dugan (Planning Board member) and Planning and Development Director Rob Houseman were introduced. It was noted that Committee member Mike Hodder (Conservation Commission member) was not present. In addition members of the public were present.

K. Barnard explained that the Committee was appointed by the Planning Board and will be responsible for reporting back to the Planning Board any determinations made by the Committee.

The Planning Board prepared and the voters passed amendments to the Shore Front Residential District in March 2012, since the Planning Board felt these amendments were consistent with the 2007 Master Plan. Some concerns were raised by residents and the Planning Board was asked to re-look at some of the recent changes.

Rob Houseman gave a brief review of the zoning history of this ordinance.

Paul Montrone reviewed the legislative history of RSA 483-B - the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. Background information was given to the committee members and made available to members of the public. Paul Montrone emphasized that people need to be educated about this State Statute and punitive action is not productive. He said he is a member of the State's Shoreland Advisory Committee and this group is still active.

There was a discussion regarding impervious surfaces and how this can be regulated fairly since standards are needed.

Vaune Dugan indicated that we need to reduce the complexities in the current ordinance so people understand the ordinance and what is expected of them. She also stated that the focus needs to be on water quality.

Committee members then reviewed the current Shore Front Residential Ordinance and determined no changes needed to be discussed in Section 175-62 through 175-66. The most focus needs to be on Section 175-67. Some areas of concern are as follows: impervious surface, the need for engineering certification, the grid system as it relates to required plantings, woodland buffer and unaltered state, storm water management, and duff layer,

The Committee members indicated that written comments from the public would be welcome and should be sent to Rob Houseman for distribution to the Committee members.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2012 at 11:00Am in a place to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45PM.

Submitted by Kathy Barnard June 4, 2012