

Shoreland Protection Ordinance Committee
Planning Board Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2013
Wolfeboro Public Library

Members in attendance: Roger Murray, Paul Montrone, Vaune Dugan, Dan Coons, Art Slocum, Kathy Barnard, Rob Houseman.

Kathy Barnard called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

A motion was made, seconded and all voted in favor of approving the January 16, 2013 minutes.

Paul Montrone, a member of the NH Shoreline Coalition, reported on the Committee meeting he had attended at the Statehouse to discuss HB 513. He said that some people want to change the name of the Act back to Shoreland Protection Act. The proposed changes include amending "unaltered state" to include "noninvasive" and "maintain or improve plant health". There was a great deal of discussion about #3 which would allow DES to come on a property without written notification. #5 (maintenance of a waterfront buffer) proposes a big change. This would return to the 2008 RSA. More points would be given to larger trees, changes groundcover to state "not including mowed lawns", "shrubs and groundcover count for "at least 15 points" and other changes. #7 (1) includes setting a standard for runoff. This will probably be amended because some of the engineers objected. #8(Penalties) will be strengthened. DES and the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee support these changes. The Committee will now vote on the changes (Chris Algren is on the Committee) and then recommend the changes to the House. Paul further stated that we need to commit to helping educate the community regarding this Act.

There was some discussion about the setback from the shoreline - going to 30' from 50'. Rob said it was very controversial when the setback was changed to 50'. The Committee needs to consider how we protect the value of the shorefront properties.

Dan Coons then showed pictures he had taken of undisturbed areas to show densities of plantings. His data will be submitted into the record of the Committee's proceedings and emailed to all committee members. The information was discussed and all committee members determined that our proposed point system was reasonable and made sense.

The Committee then discussed the natural woodland buffer and the proposed ordinance prepared by Rob Houseman. There was a suggestion that our

proposed point system should be consistent with the State. There is a proposed change to 3 (a) on page 6 of the draft ordinance - change trees 20, shrubs 15, ground cover 15 and remove percents. There was a discussion about encouraging trees larger than 1". A proposed change to b 1,2,3, would accomplish this. Remove the present wording in 1,2,3 and add 1 to 3 inches - 1 point; 3 to 6 points 5 points; 6 to 12 inches - 10 points; greater than 12" - 15 points.

Rob will do more research on 175-63 C and report back to the Committee. Page 5 of the draft - B 1 and 2 Committee members will further discuss at the next meeting.. Roger Murray said that the wording on page 6 of the draft ordinance needs to be clarified to make certain it is consistent with the Committee's intended changes.

The committee will continue discussing the proposed ordinance changes at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2013, 10:00AM at a location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM.

Submitted by
Kathy Barnard
February 15, 2013