

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

December 3, 2008

ROLL CALL:

Phil LoChiatto, Chairman – Present	Nancy Prendergast, Vice Chairman – Present
Rick Okerman, Secretary – Present	Walter Kolodziej, Regular Member – Present
Ruth-Ellen Post, Regular Member – Present	Pam Skinner, Regular Member – Excused
Louis Hersch, Alternate Member – Excused	Kristi St. Laurent, Alt Member – Present
Sy Wrenn, Alternate Member – Excused	Bruce Breton, Selectmen Member – Arrived late
Galen Stearns, Selectmen Alternate – Excused	

STAFF:

Al Turner, Director of Planning and Development – Present

Mr. LoChiatto opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. *Ms. St. Laurent replaced Ms. Skinner.*

SIGN PERMITS:

- Shabby Chic, 4 Cobbetts Pond Plaza, unit #6. Board discussion regarding keeping uniformity for the plaza signs, and the applicant has three proposed choices for the Board. Ms. Prendergast motioned to approve the design layout of choice #1 with the raised letters and white background. Mr. Kolodziej seconded. Discussion regarding the other signs in the plaza have block lettering, and option #1 is in keeping with the other signs but allows for individuality. Passed 6-0. *The Chairman noted that the meeting room has a maximum occupancy as per the fire department.*

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Karl Dubay, Co-chair of the Economic Development Committee, stated the George Fredette is the other Co-Chair, he stated the Committee has been working on initiatives for the past year, and they did not vote “yes” or “no” for any of the amendments. Mr. Fredette encouraged the Board to consider economic development, rezoning helps build a community, the high school helps build a community, and there are logical next steps. Mr. Dubay discussed what is beneficial to the Town, and will it help reduce our tax bills.
- *The Fire Chief stated the building is over capacity.* Board discussion regarding should the meeting be rescheduled, and would people leave until what they're interested in is discussed. Mr. LoChiatto read the agenda. Mr. Kolodziej motioned to continue the meeting to December 10 at 7:00 pm to the town hall because of the capacity of the room. Ms. Post seconded. Discussion regarding what happens to the continued items, and change the meeting to next Tuesday. Mr. Kolodziej withdrew his motion.
- Board discussion continued whether to hear the written zoning amendments. Ms. Prendergast motioned to open and move the map amendments to Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Ms. Post seconded. Passed 7-0.
- Mr. Kolodziej motioned to move the written zoning amendments to Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Ms. Post seconded. Passed 7-0.
- Board discussion regarding putting the legal notice on the website, make 50 copies and distribute around town to such places as the library and dispatch, and post the map amendments at the library and town hall.
- Congratulations were given to Mr. Kolodziej as he was sworn in today as a state representative.
- Gross vehicles weight information regarding the zoning was given out by Mr. Turner. Carol Murray has helped out Mr. Turner and gathered the information. Board discussion regarding tare weigh, classification of vehicles, which vehicles are allowed, the amendment needs to be posted for the

second public hearing, GWV has not been an enforcement issue, weight limits for SU-2 and others to be unrestricted. Mr. Turner will draft the amendment for discussion on December 9.

- Board discussion that Carol Murray, former DOT Commissioner, is helping Mr. Turner until January.
- Board discussion regarding which lots are included in the potential rezoning of the Lamson Road area.
- Board discussion of the number of lots that are included for amendment #9.

Mr. Kolodziej motioned to adjourn. Mr. Breton seconded. Passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

These minutes are in draft form and have not yet been reviewed and approved.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Charland