

DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 28, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT: Board members Fred McGarry, Kate Hartnett, William Perron, Lisa Wolford, Peter Schibbelhute. Also present secretary Jane Boucher

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST

William Perron moved to approve the manifest for a time sheet for Jane Boucher for 16 hours. Lisa Wolford seconded. Voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information from SNHPC relative to employment projections for the regions towns and traffic zones. The projections look at the years 2010-2050.

After briefly reviewing the information the Board did have some questions which Fred McGarry will address at the next SNHPC meeting.

7:15 INFORMAL CONSULTATION; SITE PLAN REVIEW; JEAN CUMMINGS;
SOUTH ROAD

Jean Cummings was present.

Ms. Cummings said that the proposed site is at 126 South Road, property previously owned by the Kubelka's.

She provided information noting that this is a non profit group which would like to use the property for a Conservation Center.

Ms. Cummings noted the property consists of 47 acres, including farmland, mature and recently cut forest, a beaver pond and river. Twenty three acres are permanently protected by a conservation easement, surrounded on two sides by an additional 100+ acres in conservation. An 1850 farmhouse is on the property with a 1990's barn and an early 1800's post and beam.

Ms. Cummings noted the following;

Goals: Promote and understanding of wildlife and ecosystems .
Encourage responsible, ethical and sustainable use of natural resources through permaculture and foster a respect of nature.
Educate individuals to be stewards of the environment and inspire others to take action in their homes and communities.

Ms. Cummings said the farmhouse, currently being renovated, will be used as a Visitor Center. She said that her husband has met with Rick Pelletier and Mark Tibbetts regarding the

project.

The Conservation Center will have interactive displays areas featuring NH wildlife and bird watching area. The center will include bird feeders, butterfly and hummingbird gardens, organic vegetable, fruit, herb and medicinal gardens designed for permaculture, children's gardens, picnic and play areas, live animal enclosures for observation of NH wildlife. The barn will be used as a petting barn for small farm animals. Walking trails will be available as well as wildlife viewing blinds, remote and private campsites. Seasonal workshops will be held on sustainable farming, growing mushrooms, etc.

Ms.Cummings noted that they want to proceed by submitting an application for a Site Plan Review and questioned what the Board would like to see on the application.

Chair McGarry advised that they would need to hire a surveyor to submit a proper plan depicting lighting and sight distance. Ms.Cummings will need to prepare projections as to the number of vehicles and people visiting the center on a daily basis.

Ms.Cummings advised that the driveway, used to access the barn, is partially on the abutters property. The abutter has indicated that he has no problem with it. It was suggested that she hire an attorney to prepare an easement allowing access to the barn.

Ms. Cummings noted that the driveways accessing the property are gravel and they would like to keep the gravel driveways. Chair McGarry advised that the Board may want to see the entrance paved.

Chair McGarry noted that, once the application and plans are complete, they should meet with Gerald Coogan for review.

7:45PM BROADBAND MAPPING AND PLANNING

Amy Kizak and James Comford from SNHPC were present.

Copies of the Broadband Chapter for Deerfield's Master Plan were provided for the Board.

Amy Kizak commented that the NH Broadband Mapping and Planning Program (NHBMP) is a coordinated multi agency initiative funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the NHBMP is being managed by the University of New Hampshire's GRANIT System. Partnering with UNH on the NHBMP are the nine regional planning commissions, the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED), the Office of Energy and Planning(OEP), and the UNH Cooperative Extension. SNHPC has

been privileged to work with the Town of Deerfield, at no cost to the town, to develop a broadband chapter for the Town's Master Plan.

James Comford addressed the program noting that the project is comprised to two components, a five year broadband availability inventory and mapping effort and a four year planning initiative.

Mr. Comford also commented on "NH Fast Roads" program which intends to build an open access middle mile and last mile network that aggregates demand for an entire region in NH, including community anchor institutions, large and small business, government offices and agencies, and residents. The routes built provide middle mile and last mile projects that will provide fiber connections to businesses and residents in the project area, where many residents are still limited to dial up Internet access.

Ms. Kizak and Mr. Comford reviewed the Table of Contents listing;

Introduction

Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

Broadband Technology

NH Broadband and Mapping Planning Program

Current Broadband Status in Deerfield

Current Broadband Providers

Coverage Area

Recommendations

Identified Broadband Issues and Needs

Future Growth/Technologies/Considerations

Appendix A

Sample Broadband Ordinance-Sharon NH

Figures

Simplified Diagram of how the Internet Works

Maps

Maximum Advertised Download Speed

Technology with Fastest REported Download Speed

Service by Technology Type

Town Identified with No or Limited Broadband Services

Community Anchor Institutions

The Volunteer Program was also reviewed. During the first two quarters of 2012, volunteer teams will be procured and trained. Volunteers will be trained through this program and will be able to use the GPS equipment for their own projects after the

data collection is complete.

Teams of volunteers will be given GPS units and field maps of qualifying rural census blocks and will begin collecting all possible address points within those blocks. These reports will be collected in the field at the end of driveways, and later screen-edited to be positioned on rooftops using aerial photos as reference. Unique points will be collected for every address that is part of a single building with three or less units. Buildings with four or more units will be collected as one point and assigned an address range. Volunteers will be required to enter only the street address, but will also have the option of filling in attribute data if appropriate.

Fred McGarry and Kate Hartnett had reviewed the proposed chapter and noted changes/recommendations on their copies. The copies were given to Ms. Kizak who will incorporate them into the draft copy.

Harriet Cady was present and commented that she was a member of the Deerfield Cable Committee. She asked if a copy of the Chapter could be made available to the Committee. Ms. Kizak will provide a copy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

William Perron moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2012.. Lisa Wolford seconded.

The following corrections were made to the minutes;

Page 2: Add to Paragraph 2: "Gerald Coogan noted that the applicant has requested waivers , however , they are not required for a Lot Line Adjustment."

Page 2: Add sentence after paragraph 2: Lisa Wolford noted that the relevant regulation is III-4 of the Subdivision Regulations."

Page 2 Paragraph 5: Correct to read: 1. Wetlands III3-3 (c)(3) (a) 17 and 18
2. Topography III 3 (c)(3)(b) 17

Page 2 Paragraph 11: Correct to read "...Gary O'Connell,..."

Page 4: Paragraph 4: Correct to read "....April 10 meeting."

Chair McGarry called for a vote on the motion. Motion carries.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lisa Wolford moved and Peter Schibbelhute seconded to appoint Fred McGarry as Chairman of the Planning Board and Kate

Hartnett as Vice Chair of the Planning Board. Voted in favor.

NORTHERN PASS

William Perron advised that the Board of Selectmen do not wish to chair a meeting regarding Northern Pass. The Selectmen suggested that questions for Northern Pass be drafted and sent in advance of a meeting.

FOREST GLEN

Richard Pelletier had advised that Jeff White met with him saying that, although he was not ready to begin Phase II of the subdivision, he had been approached by someone interested in purchasing two lots. Mr. White questioned whether a building permit could be issued. The Board agreed that before any lots were sold on Phase II of the Forest Glen Subdivision, a security bond must be in place.

ADD TO AGENDA

The secretary was instructed to add to "New Business"
1. 2013 Amendments to Zoning: Section 330 "Pleasant Lake Watershed Ordinance

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM

Recorded and transcribed by Jane Boucher
Pending Approval by the Planning Board