

**NEWTON PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 10, 2017**

Call to Order: Chair Barbara White called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: Chair Barbara White, Vice Chair Jim Doggett, Planning Board members: James White, Roger Hamel, Charlie Melvin, Sandra Estabrook and Circuit Rider Planner Jennifer Rowden. Minutes were transcribed by Administrative Assistant Gail LeBlanc.

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

1. Subdivision (2 lot) Robert Lang, 2 New Boston Road (Map 10 Block 1 Lot 13) Mr. Lang has informed the Planning Board that he does not wish to go forward with the subdivision. **R. Hamel made a motion to accept the abandonment of the application by Robert Lang. Second by J. Doggett with unanimous vote.** B. White closed the public hearing.

2. Amended Site Plan, Coleman McDonough/125 Development, 27-2 Puzzle Lane (Map 14 Block 1 Lot 27-2) 125 Development requested a continuance until the next PB meeting October 24, 2017. **J. Doggett made a motion to continue the applicant's request to continue the Public Hearing until October 24, 2017, per the applicant's request. Second by C. Melvin with unanimous vote.**

3. Other Board Business and Correspondence

a. Acceptance of Minutes from 9/26/17 J. Doggett made a motion to accept the minutes from the 9/26/17 meeting. **C. Melvin second with unanimous vote.**

J. Doggett made a motion to accept the public and non-public meeting minutes from the October 5, 2017 meeting. R. Hamel second with unanimous vote.

b. Manifests None

c. Budget The PB began their review of the 2018 PB budget.

d. Correspondence The PB received a legal notice from the Town of Merrimac, MA, Planning Board for a public hearing October 10, 2017, at 7:35 PM at the Merrimac Town Hall to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-Law: Article 3 Basis Requirements for all Districts, Section 3.1 Prohibited Uses.

J. Rowden reminded the PB that the Town's Master Plan is getting old. This is something they should consider when preparing the budget.

J. Rowden announced the Pow Wow Watershed Collaboration kick-off meeting will be held on October 23rd. The goal is to develop a Watershed Management Plan between the towns involved. The meeting will be an opportunity to begin dialogue. J. Doggett volunteered to attend on behalf of the PB. S. Estabrook said she may attend.

4. Adjourn: R. Hamel moved to adjourn at 7:38 PM, second by J. White with unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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