

NEWTON PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING
May 9, 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, James Holland, Roger Hamel, Charlie Melvin, Sandra Estabrook; Circuit Rider Planner Jennifer Rowden was excused. Minutes were transcribed by Administrative Assistant Gail LeBlanc.

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

1. Application for Conditional Use Permit-Home Based Business, George Secchiaroli, 54 South Main Street (Map 12, Block 6, Lot 6) B. White opened the public hearing and stated the hearing would be continued until the May 23rd meeting due to the fact that some information was missing. C. Melvin gave a brief history of the former use of the property. It was noted that there were two driveways on the Foundation Certification. The Administrative Assistant was asked to check with the State on the amount of approved driveway permits for the property. **J. Doggett made a motion to continue the public hearing with a second by C. Melvin. All in favor.**

A new Newton NH Home Based Business application was distributed to the PB members. J. Doggett made a motion to adopt the new Newton NH Home Based Business Application. R. Hamel suggested the PB members have more time to review the form. After some discussion, J. Doggett withdrew his motion to enable further review by the PB members. It was agreed that the new Newton NH Home Based Business form would be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

2. Other Board Business and Correspondence

a. Acceptance of minutes from April 11, 2017: J. Doggett moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 11, 2017. J. Holland second with unanimous vote.

c. Correspondence: J. Doggett stated he had marked and submitted the maps for the Granite State transmission line for Unutil locating properties that fall within the pipeline.

Rockingham Planning Commission is holding training Thursday, May 11th in Brentwood for new members.

The DES is holding their Annual Drinking Water Source Protection Conference May 18, 2017, in Concord.

The PB received a Notice of Acceptance of a Permit Application for Kinsley Corner.

J. Doggett stated a few items which he would like noted for the record:

- Walmart never made any applications to the PB.
- The baseball fields off 108 received variances from the ZBA and never returned to the PB with an application;
- HALO has never put an application in for an expansion of their building.

J. Doggett wanted these notations as part of the recorded minutes because someone had complained to him, as a member of the PB, and asked why the PB was denying business in Newton. None of these were denied by the PB.

C. Melvin moved to appoint Mary Allen as an Alternate Member of the PB with a second by J. White. All in favor.

The RPC Annual Meeting is coming up. **J. Holland made a motion to approve attendance at the Annual RPC Meeting. S. Estabrook second.** Four in favor; C. Melvin – No; J. Doggett – abstained. Motion carries.

R. Hamel inquired about the status of the Rules and Regulations that were worked on last summer. R. Hamel asked that we review and complete the document. It was agreed that the PB would bring up at a future meeting.

R. Hamel asked about the status of the CIP. Ms. Rowden will be forwarding the analysis of the CIP information to the PB.

4. Adjourn: J. Doggett moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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