

**NEWTON PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 27, 2018**

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

The meeting began with a salute to the flag.

Paul Szot was appointed a voting member tonight in J. Holland's place.

Board Business and Correspondence

B. White gave an update on the Amended Site Plan for 125 Development Lot 14-1-27-2. Final site plans have been received at the PB Office. Copies of the AOT permit and NHDES Subsurface permit have been received. The Town Engineer and Senior Planner have issued final reviews. The Mylar was brought to the Registry of Deeds for pre-approval, but was turned down. The Engineer for 125 Development will make any changes and present the final Site Plan to the Registry for pre-approval. Once we receive the plan, the PB will check the plan and sign the Mylar.

a. Acceptance of Minutes from 2/13/18 J. Doggett moved to accept the minutes from the 2/13/18 meeting. C. Melvin second. R. Hamel asked that the following correction be made under **c. Correspondence**, third item, regarding the Notice of Decision from the Rockingham Superior Court: The paragraph should read: *The PB received the Notice of Decision from the Rockingham Superior Court notifying the Town that the Court has granted the Plaintiff's motion to dismiss the complaint on behalf of Coleman McDonough vs. the Town of Newton, NH. Et al.* **All in favor to accept the minutes of the February 13th meeting with the corrections noted.**

b. Manifests There were no manifests this week.

c. Review of PB Rules of Procedure The Board Members reviewed and discussed the draft of the Rules of Procedure. B. White will revise the draft and discuss at a future meeting.

e. Correspondence The Board of Selectmen signed the MS4 contract with the Rockingham Planning Commission.

d. Piggeries The PB has received a few inquiries concerning pigs and if they are allowed under the Town Zoning Ordinance. The Newton Zoning Ordinance prohibits “Piggeries” or a “fur farm”. We do not we have a definition of piggery or fur farm in the Zoning Ordinance. There is no definition of a piggery with the State. According to Definition.com, it defines it as a place where pigs are kept. Merriam Webster defines it as a place where swine are kept. Agriculture is allowed anywhere in the Town of Newton.

The PB agreed to revisit the topic.

Adjourn: P. Szot moved to adjourn at 8:05 PM, second by J. Doggett with unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail M. LeBlanc, AA
Newton Planning Board