

Town of Tamworth

Planning Board

\*\*\* DRAFT PLANNING BOARD MINUTES \*\*\*

March 23, 2011

**Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at the Town Office**

**Members Present:** Dom Bergen Chairman, David Little, Nicole Maher Whiteside, Skip Nason, John Roberts, Selectman's Representative

**Members Absent:**, Steve Gray, Becca Boyden

**Alternate Present:** Pat Farley (7:18 pm)

**Alternates Absent:** Dave Cluff, Tom Peters, Peter Vanderlaan

Elections/ Appointments

Nicole nominated Dom for Chairperson. Skip seconded. APPROVED

Dom nominated Nicole for Vice-Chairperson. David seconded. APPROVED Note that Becca was interested in this position if Nicole was not.

Dom nominated David for Secretary. Skip seconded. APPROVED

Nicole nominated Steve for Treasurer. John seconded. APPROVED

Dom nominated Steve for the CIP committee. David seconded. APPROVED

Dom nominated Skip for Conservation Committee Representative. David seconded. APPROVED

David nominated Dom to continue as rep to the Ordinance Review Committee. John seconded. APPROVED

Dom nominated Skip for the Zoning Ordinance Committee. John seconded. APPROVED

Minutes:

2/23/11 - no corrections noted. Motion to approve by Nicole. Skip seconded. APPROVED

3/1/11 - Motion to accept as presented by John. David seconded. APPROVED.

Earth Excavation Application Review:

This application is for new pits only. John feels that it is good. When will the application for existing pits be done? We have missed a deadline for this year. John made a motion to accept the application as presented. Nicole seconded. APPROVED

Old/New Business:

Zoning – a discussion ensued about how to approach this now. Nicole would like new members to work on the project now. Skip would like to know if consensus is the best approach. Nicole would like to develop specifics for each of the performance standards. Skip feels that the angle of bringing new business to town was missed. David feels that consensus was great for the committee work, but is not the approach that was used for the town. Dom feels that this will be a two prong job, defining performance standards and educating the public in a positive manner.

Subcommittees need to be formed for the performance standards. Nicole wonders if the Planning Board should be revising the Master Plan and suggests a Community Survey with help from UNH. Pat is wondering if we should resend the survey. David feels that the process should include new people but not restart the process. Dom would like to keep the bones of the document and spell out the different performance standards. David would like to do the community assessment now. Skip will research the assessment details.

Representative to School Board: Dom nominated Pat Farley. Skip seconded. APPROVED

Pat reported in regards to the School Board. Charlie Pugh is the new president. John Cleveland will be the vice president. Marie Labrie and Jack Waldron are new members.

Lakes Region Planning Commission: Pat spoke in regards to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, a subdivision of LRPC. They are working on broadband, lightning pitch, and a freeze on increases of membership fees for towns. She is open to nominations for the annual awards that the LRPC presents. There is a meeting at the end of June that she would like Planning Board members and Selectmen to attend. Details will be forthcoming.

Treasurers Report: Steve forwarded a report that everything is OK

Secretarys Report: David reports that there are no new applications. There is a historic property on Albee Road that will be affected by a new application for a communications tower. This property abuts the Chocorua Lake Basin Historic District. No further information is available at this time. Pine Tree Power sent some information about the chemicals used at their facility. This will be forwarded to Dana Littlefield.

CIP – no report

Ordinance Committee – no report

Selectmen’s Report - John reported that committee appointments will be made at the meeting being held on 3/24/11.

Conservation Commission – Skip reported that officers were elected at the last meeting. Ned will continue as Chairperson. There are two new members, Richard Gerard and Bob Seston. Bob will be the treasurer. Peggy Johnson is the Tamworth representative to the GMCC. Skip is the at large representative to the Green Mountain Conservation Commission. There was a discussion about prime wetlands. Also, there are some private investors who are interested in purchasing a parcel of land that will provide a corridor from the Ossipee Mountains to the Sandwich mountains. They are interested in selling the

easement to the property to the Conservation Commission. A discussion was held about the appropriateness of the general fund for this purpose. Map 420 Lot 13

Economic Development: Pat reports that the Economic Development Committee would like to be a commission instead. The Planning Board is responsible for making that change. Nicole made a motion that the name of the committee be changed to "Economic Development Commission" David seconded. APPROVED

Groundwater protection will be revisited after the community survey.

Nicole made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm. David seconded. APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Planning Board Clerk