

Town of Tamworth  
Land Use Regulation Committee

\*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\*

January 13, 2010

**Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Nicole Maher-Whiteside**

**Members Present:** Nicole Maher-Whiteside, David Little, Lianne Prentice, Robert Abraham, Peg Huddleston, and Becca Boyden

**Members Absent:** Nat Scrimshaw

First item on the agenda is to elect a chairperson for this committee. David L. makes a motion to nominate Nicole as chairperson. Bob seconded. APPROVED.

David L. reviewed the Right To Know laws. Meetings of this committee need to be noticed and are public business. A quorum of 4 members is required at any meeting. Minutes must be available within 5 business days of the meeting. This committee is to act solely in the interest of the public; not in personal interest.

Schedule: Regular monthly meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, through November 2010, at 7 pm, Tamworth Town Office.

Purpose: We are not working for what we want personally, we are working for what the community has expressed that they want. Remember that this committee represents a diverse community.

Framework: The question is: are we to draft one new ordinance that includes all existing town ordinances, or are we drafting a stand alone ordinance dealing with Land Use? Dave L. discussed the pros and cons of each type of document. Discussion ensued regarding the different options. Realizing that this is a "hot topic" and controversial. Peg asks what the Planning Board has charged this committee with for a task. The Planning Board asked that the committee form a land use ordinance. Legal counsel may be sought regarding what could happen if existing ordinances were bundled into this ordinance, and then was not passed. What could happen to the existing ordinances?

Dom Bergen asked if the LURC would like to come back to the Planning Board and ask for direction. Nicole responded in the negative.

How are we going to organize ourselves?

- Look at other ordinances and review

- Tamworth wants a custom ordinance, do not copy someone else's
- Freedom/Madison have similar populations
- Tamworth has a village center in addition to Route 16 corridor
- Ossipee has a more similar structure
- Review ordinances and gather Tamworth ordinances
- Ordinances from other towns will be collected by the following
  - Sam Hurley - Ossipee
  - Becca Boyden – Freedom, Effingham and Sandwich (beginning ordinances)
  - Lianne Prentice – Madison
  - Peg Huddleston – Bartlett, Whitefield, Danbury, Groveton, Canaan
  - Bob will contact other small towns
  - David L will check to see if he can find which towns have most recent zoning (within the last 10 years)

Electronic copies will be made available to anyone who would like to see the materials that are being used for reference.

Next meeting – will be a brainstorming session, to include review of the Master Plan, land use forum minutes, etc. David L recommends going back to the Vision Statement in the Master Plan, as it is all laid out there.

Binders will be made for all members of this committee, as well as one for public review at the Town Office. Binders will include: Forum minutes, Master Plan handout, Vision Statement from Master Plan, Map, and existing ordinances in Tamworth.

Peg would like to look at work force housing also.

Plan: Gathering ordinances, doing research, brainstorming, and indentifying mines and oasis for this project.

Advisory Help - Nicole recommends that after each meeting of this committee, each member speak to 4 individuals about what is going on with the committee. This begins the process of outreach.

Next meeting will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, 2010.

Lianne made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm. Peg seconded the motion. ADJOURNED.