

# Town of Tamworth

## Planning Board

\*\*\* draft PLANNING BOARD MINUTES \*\*\*

April 22, 2015

**Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.**

**Members Present:** Dom Bergen David Little, Pat Farley, Steve Gray – Selectmen’s Rep

**Members Absent:** Dave Cluff, Becca Boyden, Eric Dube,

**Alternates Present:** none

**Alternates Absent:** Lianne Prentice, Nicole Maher-Whiteside

**Minutes:** 3/25/15– no correction noted. A **motion** to accept minutes as presented (David/Steve). Pat abstained. APPROVED.

**Treasurer’s Report:** none

**Secretary’s Report:** David reports that there is one new application for a Subdivision Design Review for Whipple Roberts that is being scheduled for the work session on May 13. There is a situation with a cell phone tower collocation that will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Economic Development:** Pat reports that the EDC met last week. They are scheduling a forum about the fair with interns. The 250<sup>th</sup> celebration is being scheduled for a Saturday in August and will be a “street fair”. They will invite all businesses to advertise and have a table at the fair. There will be music, food, and the farmers market as well.

**Lakes Region Planning Commission:** Pat reports that the Annual Meeting will be held on June 29 at the Chase House in Meredith. Gilford has an application for a solar farm, using “wasteland” that cannot be used for other purposes. Laconia wants to buy the old prison complex for \$2 million.

**Selectmen’s Representative:** The town now has an ambulance contract. The town meeting minutes are done. Chocorua lights and sidewalks were mentioned. The town of Moultonboro has received a grant/has plans to redo their village in the same fashion as Chocorua.

Pat added an additional item to the LRPC report – Tuftonboro has been granted town approval to spend \$100000 on updating their Master Plan.

**Conservation Commission:** no report

**Capital Improvements Committee:** The first meeting will be held on April 28. David made a motion to appoint three additional members to the committee: Ruth Timchak, John Wheeler, and Bob Seston. Pat seconded the motion. APPROVED

**Personal Wireless Service Facility Application:** The feds have changed the law – RA 12:K, but the Tamworth Ordinance has not been changed. Applicants for collocation (T-Mobile) on a tower on Route 16 say that they do not have to apply to the Planning Board according to the new laws. Tamworth requires a building notification,

which requires planning board approval. Planning board has nothing to approve according to the new laws, which exempt collocation if construction will not make a significant change in height, width, etc.

This particular cell tower was in place before the ordinance, and did not have a site plan review at the time of the installation. SBA indicates that they will not be changing the height or the width of the structure. The Planning Board is up against a wall because of not having a building inspector. This is a constraint which does not allow the citizens of the town to have protection.

Dom would like to table the issue until a meeting where more members are present. This particular situation needs to be addressed in a timely fashion.

Pat will talk to the LRPC regarding their suggestions about where to go for advice.

Steve will let the Selectmen know that the Planning Board really doesn't have anything to approve.

**Old Business:** The newest version of the subdivision application and regulations are not on the website yet. Steve will bring this to the attention of the Selectmen.

When updating the cell tower ordinance we will need to update the flood plain ordinance as well.

Mutual aid requires signing off on the GIS map data.

A **motion** to **adjourn** at 8:50 pm. (Pat/David). APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson