

# Town of Tamworth

## Planning Board

### \*\*\* PLANNING BOARD MINUTES \*\*\*

September 23, 2015

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.**

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

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

**Alternates Present:** none

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**Minutes:** 8/26/15—no corrections noted. A **motion** to accept minutes as presented (Eric/Steve). APPROVED.

**Treasurer’s Report:** there is 87.75 % of the budget remaining, \$10648.79

**Secretary’s Report:** David has nothing to report

**Economic Development:** Pat reports that the EDC met and discussed hanging the banner. She has talked to DOT and Eversource. Eversource would not give permission. She was given referrals to businesses that could do it. It must be 18-20’ from the ground. David Grass’ father passed away.

**Lakes Region Planning Commission:** Pat arranged a joint meeting between the Selectmen, CIP and Planning Board to meet with Jeff Hayes, Exec. Director regarding mapping. Freedom is doing this and will attend also. There is a North Country grant program that will grant up to \$250,000. Check into possibilities to work on sewers. Another region updates their master plan one section at a time, every few months.

**Selectmen’s Representative:** The Selectboard wants to reserve the right to be last at bat on suggested changes to the Floodplain Ordinance. It is their wish that the Planning Board review the changes, but that it be revisited by them prior to the public hearing. This item was tabled to be discussed at another time.

**Conservation Commission:** A wetlands application for construction of a pond on Chocorua Lake Road has been received. It is supported as presented. The owner of the Pease Hill Rd/Rt 113A easement would like a subdivision application process expedited by the Planning Board. David White will be meeting with the owner to discuss. Stoney Brook bridge has been approved by the DES.

**Capital Improvements Committee:** Jack Waldron distributed a summary of the report and explained it. He urged everyone to read the full report when they have a chance. Eric had a question about the library roofing and what type of material would be used. Dom praised the report. Jack recognized all the departments for their tremendous cooperation with the CIP. A motion to approve the CIP plan as presented (Pat/Steve) APPROVED

Steve praised the CIP Committee and Jack for their work on the plan.

**Floodplain Ordinance:** The Board of Selectmen made changes to eliminate references to the Wetlands Conservation Ordinance and text changes around building permits. The Planning Board will review those changes and verify that they are allowable by FEMA. The BOS would like a final review before the public hearing.

- \* contact FEMA

- \* schedule work session

Regarding cell towers and floodplains – what is the difficulty in developing a building permit process for those items?

Dom wants to know how an owner can prove that they are not in the floodplain, as FEMA admits that the maps are wrong. This requires a survey at the owner's expense.

Pat would like to get a group of towns together to approach FEMA about the errors in mapping. Bring this question to the joint meeting regarding mapping.

The chairman will contact Jennifer Gilbert from FEMA.

**Personal Wireless Service Facility:** This needs to be revised due to changes in the Federal and State laws. We will need to have a public hearing on that also.

The Floodplain Ordinance and the PWSF will be reviewed at a work session on October 14 at 7 pm.

**Earth Excavation Regulation Discussion:** At what point does reclamation start? We will need to consult with David Cluff. This issue is postponed.

**Old/New Business:** Eric will order 9 new RSA books.

Eric made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm . Steve seconded. APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Planning Board Clerk