

Town of Tamworth

Planning Board

*** PLANNING BOARD MINUTES ***

July 23, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Members Present: Dom Bergen, Pat Farley, David Little, John Roberts-Selectmen's Representative

Members Absent: Tom Peters, Becca Boyden, Dave Cluff

Alternates Present: none

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Minutes: 6/25/14- no correction noted. Pat made a **motion** to accept minutes as presented. John seconded. APPROVED.

Treasurer: no report

Secretary: David Little reports that there are no new applications pending

Capital Improvements Committee: Dom made a motion to nominate Ruth Timchak to the CIP committee. John seconded. APPROVED

Economic Development: Pat reports that there was no meeting in July.

Lakes Region Planning Commission: Several towns are dealing with excessive taxing on utility poles. They are looking heavily at the Lakes Region Plan. All are on the LRPC website. CDs are being sent to Selectmen and Planning Boards for review.

Selectmen: A decision about meetings at the Town House will be made on August 14th. There were 300 names on a petition, 140 of which are registered voters.

Conservation Commission: no report

Dom emailed and called PSNH regarding the hearing below, but did not receive a response.

Public Service of New Hampshire

Scenic Road Maintenance

Hollow Hill Road

The applicants are not present for this hearing.

Groundwater Protection Discussion

Steve Wingate is our guest speaker. Steve is a member of the LRPC, the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission and Watershed Committee, and a retired forester.

The Conservation Commission went to a DES conference on drinking water and arsenic. 1 in 5 wells have arsenic above safe levels.

They began a sampling program in their town, and are now in their third year. They put articles in their town newsletter and the newspaper. In their first year, they received 122 valid tests out of 200 test kits.

They found that DES had the best prices and were very interested in towns taking the initiative. All tests are anonymous, with DES and the property owner being the only people who see the results. The town received a general report.

The child bearing population is not participating as much as the retirement population.

The kits are free. They do their testing in the summer. They have not researched grant funding. They get the kits, distribute and collect them, and deliver them to Concord. Pierce Rigrod is the contact person. Dartmouth can send a person to speak about arsenic.

Steven Steiner is here to speak about the Beaver Dam Cottages and the possible development of a 55+ community on the site. There will be a minimum of 20 single family homes. They own an 8.9 acre parcel and are considering another property for the right of way. The property will be sold at auction on 8/19. Ron Briggs from Conway reviewed the Tamworth subdivision rules and felt that 20 units would fit (cluster housing?)

There will be no work session in August.

Pat made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm. John seconded. APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Planning Board Clerk