

HENNIKER PLANNING BOARD

March 24, 2010
Approved Minutes

Members Present: Kristin Claire, Chairwoman; Ed Miner, Vice-Chairman; Terry Stamps; Rick Patenaude; Jeff Roach; Kellie Dyjak; Leon Parker, Selectman, ex-officio

Members Absent: Thomas Howard, Alternate

Others Present: Mark Fougere, Town Planner; Jennifer Astholz, Recording Secretary

Chairwoman Claire called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

March 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes – Review and Approve

The minutes from the March 10, 2010 Planning Board meeting were reviewed and corrected. Rick Patenaude **MOVED** to approve the minutes as corrected; Kellie Dyjak **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED, 5-0-2** (Ms. Claire and Ms. Stamps abstained as they were absent from that meeting.)

Board Discussion:

a. Earth Moving – Mr. Fougere stated that the Board last reviewed Chapter 201 on April 8, 2009. Now that he has inspected all of the gravel pits he asked the Board if they wanted to review the regulations.

Ms. Stamps recalled that there had been interest in merging Chapter 201 with RSA 155-E. Mr. Patenaude stated that he would like to see the process simplified by having Chapter 201 refer to RSA 155-E. He stated that there should be a clear rationale for including anything other than what is required by RSA 155-E. For example, the Town has a noise ordinance; however, operating hours for gravel pits are restricted. He stated that this type of thing should be addressed on a case-by-case basis. He suggested making a list of items to be aware of during the permitting process. Mr. Patenaude also explained that earth moving operations are also very different businesses (extracting gravel, crushing stone, processing sand, etc.) and must be considered differently.

Ms. Stamps stated that RSA 155-E does not have a lot of information on the reclamation process which should be included.

Mr. Miner stated that he mainly agrees with Mr. Patenaude's explanation; however, he believes that the Board should be proactive rather than reactive. He recommended that any items not covered in RSA 155-E that the Town may have an interest in overseeing can be listed in Chapter 201 of the Town Regulations.

Mr. Parker suggested that Mr. Fougere make administrative changes to Chapter 201 which captures the intent as discussed tonight. Where applicable, RSA 155-E will be referenced and a list of other considerations which the Board has the authority to review will be compiled.

Ms. Stamps suggested that the changes be tracked for easy comparison of the documents. She also stated that the Conservation Commission, Town Engineer and any other departments will also need a chance to review the changes.

b. NEC – Lot Consolidation Form – This relates to the site plan for the new boiler system. The NEC Science building actually sits on Lots 425, 426, 427 and 429A. Mr. Miner **MOVED** to authorize the Planning Board Chair (Ms. Claire) to sign the Voluntary Merger of Pre-Existing Lots and have the document recorded. Ms. Stamps **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED, 7-0**.

c. Amend Site Plan & Subdivision Regulations re: Driveway Permits
Mr. Fougere stated that a public hearing and Planning Board vote is required to clarify the process of approving driveway permits. Currently, the Planning Board reviews and approves proposed site plan or subdivision driveways, while the Board of Selectmen approves all other driveways and oversees the actual permit issuance. The Board instructed Mr. Fougere to schedule a public hearing on an upcoming meeting agenda.

d. Request from CNHRPC traffic count locations for 2010 - After discussion, the Board members decided to request traffic studies at the following points:

- 1) Western Avenue at Newton Road (east side of Newton Road; just west of Liberty Hill Road);
- 2) Post Office Place at Route 114;
- 3) Intersection of Western Avenue and Route 114 (by Henniker Pharmacy)
- 4) Western Avenue west of the bridge;
- 5) Old Concord Road between Dunkin' Donuts driveway and Route 202/9 (catching both sides)

e. ED zoning discussion - Mr. Fougere brought in an enlarged map of the downtown area. The Board discussed several possible options for the ED zone such as removing the ED zone and transferring it to the CV zone; creating an Educational overlay district, etc. Several uses are included in the ED zone (open space, classroom use, dormitories, etc.). Chairwoman Claire stated that the underlying zones will have to be clear if an overlay district is created. Mr. Fougere stated that he will look at the current uses and create suggested zones. Chairwoman Claire stated that another option would be to appropriately change the zones and add educational uses where they would be applicable.

f. OEP Conference, May 8th – Ms. Stamps and Mr. Roach said they were interested in attending. Mr. Fougere instructed them to register online and they could be reimbursed for the registration fee.

g. Alternate Board positions available – There are two positions available for Alternate Planning Board members. Board members will talk to people that may be interested in these positions.

h. Currier & Ives Trail – Mr. Roach volunteered to be the delegate.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Fougere stated that the Energy Committee received a grant from OEP. They will conduct an energy audit on municipal buildings.

Mr. Fougere stated that the Town Zoning Ordinance has been revised but has not been printed. He will distribute it at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Stamps **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Mr. Miner **SECONDED** the motion; motion **PASSED, 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Astholz
Recording Secretary