

HENNIKER PLANNING BOARD

Draft Minutes
August 11, 2010

Members Present: Kristin Claire, Chairwoman; Terry Stamps; Jeff Roach; Kellie Dyjak; Leon Parker

Members Absent: Rick Patenaude; Ed Miner; Dale Jennings; Thomas Howard

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

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

Review and Approve Minutes from July 14, 2010

The minutes from the July 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed and corrected. Terry Stamps **MOVED** to approve the minutes as corrected. Jeff Roach **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED, 5-0.**

Public Hearing

A. Amend Chapter 201, Earth Moving regulations, per RSA 155E, Second Hearing

Chairwoman Claire opened the public hearing at 7:15 pm.

Mark Fougere stated that this public hearing was tabled until tonight's meeting in order to give the Conservation Commission time to respond. He stated that there was an email between himself and Mark Mitch, a member of the Conservation Commission, about the water table being within 12" of the surface and how one should not assume that the area will become a wetland.

Ms. Stamps stated that the only other concern that the Conservation Commission had was about defining "visual barriers" to any roads. Mr. Fougere read aloud from Section 229:1 which defines highways as any public road.

The Board discussed what constitutes a visual barrier, and they verified that the RSA states that it must be vegetation. Ms. Stamps suggested inserting an explanatory sentence in the regulations to clarify that the visual barrier will be of vegetation and not composed of a chain-link fence or something else that would not be appropriate. After much discussion, the Board decided to add the following sentence to Section 201-4(2)(f): Such visual barriers shall consist of native vegetation that provides year-round screening.

As there were no audience members present, Chairwoman Claire closed the public hearing at 7:39 pm.

Leon Parker **MOVED** to approve amendments to Chapter 201, Earth Moving Regulations. Jeff Roach **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED, 5-0.**

Board Discussion

Chapter 202 Land Subdivision Regulations:

Mr. Fougere stated that it had been on the Planning Board's project list to review the subdivision regulations, but there were no directions as to specific issues to address. Ms. Stamps stated that she will review her notes about previous work that had been done and bring that information to the next meeting.

Mr. Fougere stated that the Planning Board will have to address the new State statute about waivers.

There was discussion about the need for sidewalks in new subdivisions. Mr. Parker stated that the Safe Routes to School initiative is still effective, but there is no substantial information at this time.

There was discussion about creating an action plan for proposed zoning changes for 2011. Mr. Fougere stated that he will create a list based on issues that the Board has discussed over the past year.

Mr. Fougere suggested moving the September Planning Board meetings from 9/8/10 and 9/22/10 to 9/15/10 and 9/22/10 providing there is no conflict with the meeting room or other Boards/committees.

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the work-session meeting on 8/25/10.

Kellie Dyjak **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:05; Ms. Stamps **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED, 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Astholz
Recording Secretary