

**PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH, New Hampshire
Minutes of February 12, 2014**

Members Present: Chair Ivy Vann, Tom Weeks, Alan Zeller, Barbara Miller and Rick Clark (arrived at end of meeting)

Staff Present: Peter Throop, Director and Laura Norton, Office of Community Development

Chair Vann called to order at 6:05 p.m. She introduced herself and the members and staff.

Mr. Throop distributed copies of the three petitions received by today's deadline (February 13th) noting "the purpose of this meeting is to review the petition ordinances received for inclusion on the May 2014 Official Ballot and set a date for the Planning Board Public Hearing."

Mr. Throop then reviewed the petitions as follows:

Re-zoning the land consisting of one parcel identified as Parcel NO. U007-007-000 at 453 Old Street Road from Family/Rural/Conservation District

Allow Conditional Use Permit approval to the Agricultural Business enterprise Zone for the purpose of diversified agricultural business.

Replace the current §245-26 Open Space Residential Development with §245-26 Voluntary Innovative Subdivision Design.

When done Mr. Throop looked up and said "the second petition is a bit challenging as it does not state what section of zoning it seeks to amend" adding "and it would be allowing a condition to a zone we do not have." Mr. Weeks asked "is that the proper format for a petition?" Mr. Throop noting the petition was still be verified by the supervisor of the Checklist and that he would inquire as to whether or not it was in the proper form.

Chair Vann asked if the petition was verified, went to Town Meeting and was approved what would happen. Mr. Throop replied "it would be a moot point we do not have that District in town." Ms. Miller asked "can the initiator withdraw?" Mr. Throop noted he had met with and reviewed the petition with the initiator and

advised them not to file it. He went on to note “but it is their right to file a petition and they decided to do so.” Chair Vann concluded “if a petition article is submitted for a zone that does not exist it is moot.” Mr. Throop noted the Board would have more information from the initiator at the public hearing.

Mr. Zeller asked about the amount of detail expressed with Planning Board decision of support or no support of petitions Mr. Throop relied “it is pretty much a thumbs up or thumbs down response, it does not go into detail.”

In reference to the third petition Mr. Throop noted he had reviewed the replacement language line by line with the only changes being the elimination of the exemptions and making the amendment voluntary. “Everything else remains unchanged” he said.

Chair noted she would entertain a motion to accept the petitions as read. A motion was made/seconded (Zeller/Weeks) to accept the three petition warrant articles with all in favor.

Chair Vann noted the next order of business was to set date of the Public Hearing on the petition. After a brief discussion about potential dates a motion was made/seconded (Zeller/Miller) to schedule a public hearing for March 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. All agreed it would make for a long night as this was the Board’s regularly scheduled March meeting was that same night. Chair Vann noted “we will just have to organize ourselves and work through it an orderly fashion.”

A brief discussion about the agenda for the March meeting followed with Chair Vann suggesting the Board meet prior to that date to review the layout of his plan. “I have some reservations about how the condos are laid out” adding “I’d like to have a workshop with him between now and the 10th” to talk about alternatives and give him some time to think about what the Board would like to see in that space.

The members agreed to invite Mr. Belletete in after the Master Plan Steering Committee meeting February 19th at 7:30 p.m. “It would be a workshop” she said.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Norton
Administrative Assistant