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PLANNING BOARD

February 14, 2013

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Tom Vanchieri.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Henry Hodges, Tom Vanchieri, Frank Higgins, Susan Dunham-Shane, Gretchen Heldmann, Craig Knight, Charles Norburg and Russell Smith. Mike Shepherd has an excused absence.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting were not available.

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Susan emailed everyone a revised spreadsheet comparing permit fees of area towns and the Board with review it tonight. The following are the items discussed:

Go by valuation or by square footage?

Board Agrees to the following for Residential:

\$20.00 application fee

\$0.20/sqft finished (includes 4-season additions)

\$0.10/sqft unfinished (includes sheds, garages, decks, 3-season additions, etc)

\$0.10/sqft renovations/alterations existing space

Board Agrees to the following for Non-Residential:

\$50.00 application fee

\$0.40/sqft finished (includes heated warehouse space, 4-season additions)

\$0.20/sqft unfinished (includes sheds, garages, decks, 3-season additions, etc)

\$0.20/sqft renovations/alterations existing space

Board realized that the town does not get any fees for plumbing. 25% to state and by the contract the town has with Charlie, he gets 75% while also getting paid for the hour or so he is out on a plumbing inspection. Board did not support adding a surcharge % on top of plumbing permit fees, though there was much discussion and disagreement. Henry and Frank supported 10% additional; Tom, Susan, Gretchen did not. Board leaves this issue for Selectmen and Town Manager to discuss.

Board Agrees to \$20.00 fee for Certificate of Occupancy.

Board Agrees to double fee for After the Fact Permit. This means someone goes ahead and builds a structure and then after the fact comes in to get a permit ("oh, I didn't know..." etc).

Board Agrees to \$25.00 permit fee for Street Opening (including driveway entrance, culvert, cutting pavement for water line or other utility, etc).

Board realized they need to check the Zoning Ordinance for references to Road Opening fees/permits? Board is moving towards a separate Fee Ordinance or Fee Policy, but there do need to be references in the other Ordinances to the Fee Ordinance/Policy.

For next time: Site Plan and Subdivision Fees.

PLANNING BOARD COMMENTS:

STAFF REPORTS:

PUBLIC ACCESS:

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT: Board adjourned 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann