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PLANNING BOARD

April 14, 2009

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Tom Vanchieri.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Henry Hodges, Tom Vanchieri, Susan Dunham-Shane, Jeff Thurlow, Charles Norburg, CEO, and Russell Smith, Town Manager. Helen Dougherty and Gary Poisson have excused absences.

MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes of March 10, 2009 by Henry Hodges, Susan Dunham-Shane 2nd. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Russell informed the Board that he will be collecting their Planning Board Notebooks tonight to bring them each up to date will all the ordinances. He will get them back to everyone in a few days.

Charles needs to send Augusta the timber harvesting change in the Shoreland Zone Ordinance, and he will remind them about his copy of the Shoreland Zoning Map which he sent them last year.

NEW BUSINESS: Russell introduced Gretchen Heldmann to the Board. She is a resident and will become an alternate member of the Planning Board. Gretchen works for the Town of Hampden and is experienced in zoning and mapping. She informed the Board of a meeting next Tuesday regarding Vernal Pools, which she will be attending. Orono and the University of Maine are working on a project where they are identifying the vernal pools in their area. Gretchen has put many hours into redoing our Shoreland Zone Map and provided each of the members a copy to review. The Board discussed the map and reviewed aspects of it from the enlarged copy and copy on the overhead projector. Most of her information came from our previous map and the State of Maine GIS information. The Board was very appreciative of her hard work. She explained various aspects of her map and answered questions from the Board. Some of the areas discussed included:

1. She has coded the area near the wetlands of the Merrill Road and Main Road Limited Residential from 300' from the center of the road.
2. Only have to zone stream protection areas
3. Shoreland zone does not cover headwater streams. These do not have to be in resource protection.
4. If you have two or more acres of forested wetlands within the buffer, you have to zone the rest of it.
5. Significant bird habitat must be in resource protection
6. Intermittent streams do not need the corridor around them. Active streams do not all have the corridor around them. Some streams coded by the state as intermittent, may not be according to the Board members. The Board needs to decide if they want to include other known streams in resource protection.

7. The Board needs to decide whether to have the Shoreland Zone map part of the Zoning Ordinance map or as a separate layer over it.

8. With the Penobscot River Restoration Project, the Bangor Hydro boat landing on Riverside Drive will be turned over to the town.

9. The Town owns land on Monument Drive near the Jonathan Eddy Monument.

10. The I395 extension, Penobscot River Restoration and Open Space Project will all need to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan, because they have all happened since the Comprehensive Plan was approved.

Russell informed the Board that there will be a meeting about the I395 extension at Holbrook School, Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Susan Dunham-Shane will email everyone the Open Spaces Worksheet and would like them to complete it and send it to the lady on the Committee by Thursday if possible.

Russell will put the ad in the paper for the implementation plan consultant this Saturday.

When working on the Ordinances need to consider the zoning in the neighboring towns.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC ACCESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 pm. Henry Hodges, Jeff Thurlow 2nd. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowles