

**NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD
New Durham Town Hall
November 7, 2017, 7:00p.m.**

Present

Scott Drummey, Chair
Bob Craycraft, Vice Chair
Rod Doherty, Selectman Representative
Dot Veisel, Member
Jeff Allard, Member

Also Present

Laura Zuzgo, Administrative Assistant
Freeman Goodrich, Resident

Call to Order

Chair Drummey called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting of October 17, 2017 – Edits were made. **Ms. Veisel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Allard seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

New/Old/Other Business

Review and Amendments to Sign Ordinance

The Board reviewed the signs ordinance. Stephanie MacKenzie, Town Clerk, gave comments regarding seasonal signs and suggested allowing local businesses such as Christmas tree farms being allowed to put out up to four signs. Ms. Mackenzie suggested changes regarding the prohibited signs, and to look into state regulations on blinking or flashing signs. There was discussion of signs put out by the farmers markets and agreed this is a community event but there could be changes to the number of signs allowed by vendors.

Mr. Allard made a motion to hold a public hearing to revise the wording of Article XX Section F, Agricultural Signs and to revise the final sentence from one directional sign to four. Ms. Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

Mr. Craycraft stated as per the discussion at the last meeting regarding bringing lots out of woodlot designation and the possibility of discontinuing the designation. He proposed revisions to the ordinance. These edits were reviewed and discussed. It was agreed there needs to be a definition of woodlots and specify use for existing woodlots. There was also discussion of defining options for property owners to remove their woodlot designation. Ms. Zuzgo explained the calculations and guidelines set by NH Department of Revenue Administration and their impact on woodlot taxation.

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Mr. Allard presented a list of zoning ordinance discussion points regarding travel trailers. The current ordinance was reviewed. Mr. Allard suggested regulations regarding shorefront; Ms. Veisel concurred, noting it's a more fragile environment. There was discussion whether RVs and campers should still meet building setback requirements; there was extensive discussion of limits and restrictions regarding use and parking of RVs. Mr. Allard asked if they wanted to discuss restrictions on where 18-wheelers can be parked. Majority of the board opposed considering it.

The board discussed the definition of obsolescence and agreed it needs more clarification. It was agreed plans need to make nonconforming lots and structures less non-conforming and if possibly, to meet current setback requirements. There was also discussion of timeframe requirements for rebuilding which is currently two years and if this is not met, the grandfathered protection is lost. Ms. Veisel stated the ZBA specifically requested the Board make a distinction between repair and remodel. The State of NH's definition of obsolescence was reviewed and discussed in comparison to the current ordinance.

Review Ordinance Relative to Street Excavation

The Board tabled the current ordinance.

Review SB2 Calendar

The Board reviewed and discussed the meeting dates for SB2. The public hearing for amendments to the ordinances was scheduled for Thursday, November 16 at 7:00pm.

Other

Freeman Goodrich, resident, was introduced and submitted a letter of interest in being an alternate member for the Planning Board.

Ms. Veisel made a motion to appoint Freeman Goodrich as an alternate to the Planning Board. Selectman Doherty seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

Mail & Correspondence

The Board discussed upcoming training sessions. Ms. Veisel stated the Ethics Committee is planning to conduct a session on the topic of 91A Right to Know Law with Attorney Burns.

Adjourn

Ms. Veisel made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Allard seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary