

TOWN OF ALTON PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes

January 15, 2013

Approved February 19, 2013

Members Present: Scott Williams, Chairman
David Collier, Vice-Chairman
Roger Sample, Clerk
Bill Curtin, Member
Dave Hussey, Selectmen Representative

Others Present: Ken McWilliams, Town of Alton Planner
Randy Sanborn, Secretary
Members of the Public

I. CALL TO ORDER

S. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Case P12-27, Fred E. & Mary Beth Hertel have asked for a continuance to the May 21st meeting. K. McWilliams recommended that they have the applicants renote the abutters at the applicant's expense.

D. Hussey motion to continue Case P12-27 to May 21, 2013 with renoting.

D. Collier seconded the motion with all in favor.

D. Hussey motion to accept the Agenda has amended.

B. Curtin seconded the motion with all in favor.

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS:

S. Williams opened the public hearing to review Amendment #4 to the Zoning Ordinance.

K. McWilliams discussed the changes to the Amendment. Under Section 357 on the second page they deleted a statement that said "Recreational Camping Cabins are allowed only in conforming Recreational Campgrounds or Camping Parks and are not allowed in a non-conforming Recreational Campground or Camping Park". Also deleted from that same section was a statement that said "Recreational Camping Cabins are permitted to be used for seasonal use during summer and winter seasons but not for year round usage".

On the third page of the Amendment there was some additional language put in to revise Paragraph A as follows:

1. The seasonal nature of a recreation campground or camping park needs to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board during the site plan review process.
2. In establishing the seasonal nature of the recreation campground or camping park, the Planning Board will ensure that it is not for year-round residency.
3. Campsites in a recreation campground or camping park can be used by tents, recreational vehicles, and/or recreational camping cabins. The areas proposed for any of these uses shall be approved by the Planning Board during the site plan review process.

Sylvia Leggett from Roberts Knoll Campground spoke regarding a couple of items that are redundant and need to be combined with another Section.

K. McWilliams explained that this is the last Public Hearing that the Board can hold. They can make editorial changes to the amendment tonight but cannot make substantial changes to the amendment. If they decide that there are substantial changes needed to the amendment their choice is to drop it and bring it back next year and rework it or they can choose to move it forward to the ballot vote as it exist in writing for this hearing with any editorial changes.

S. Leggett also wanted the wording to change in the section for landscaping. She also felt that there should be a couple of definitions added. She asked that wording on Section 357 and 355 under accessory structures be left a little more open ended.

B. Curtin suggested that after the word including that they put in “but not limited to”. The Planning Board agreed.

D. Hussey motion to move Amendment #4 with the editorial revision to the ballot.

D. Collier seconded the motion with all in favor.

IV. Other Business

1. Old Business – None
2. New Business – K. McWilliams explained two items. One is the draft of a letter of support for a Community Planning Grant for the Alton Housing Study. He also gave one to the Board of Selectmen.

D. Collier made a motion to authorize S. Williams to sign the letter for the Community Planning Grant for the Alton Housing Study.

D. Hussey seconded the motion with all in favor.

The second item is Plan New Hampshire, The Foundation for Shaping the Built Environment (Plan NH). This is for conducting a charrette to discuss how to provide a community waste water treatment system to help the community in developing commercial properties. The Planning Board supported this idea.

K. McWilliams reminded the Board that the filing period for elections runs from January 23, 2013 to February 1, 2013.

3. Approval of Minutes, December 18, 2012, a regular Planning Board meeting and December 22, 2012, Hertel Subdivision Site Walk.

Two corrections to the December 22nd minutes. One is in paragraph 1: Curtin needs to be changed to Curtin. The other is in paragraph 2: delete Vice before Chair.

**B. Curtin made a motion to accept the minutes of December 22, 2012 as amended.
R. Sample seconded the motion which passed with (4) four in favor and (1) one abstained (DH).**

**B. Curtin made a motion to accept the minutes of December 18, 2012 as presented.
R. Sample seconded the motion which passed with (4) four in favor and (1) one abstained (DH).**

4. Correspondence – None

5. Any Other Business that may come before the Board - None

V. Public Input

No public input at this time.

VI. Adjournment

D. Hussey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by R. Sample and passed without opposition.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Sanborn, Recorder, Public Minutes