

**TOWN OF ALTON PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC FORUM
Minutes
December 21, 2011
Approved January 17, 2012**

Members Present: Scott Williams, Vice Chair
Bill Curtin, Member
Dave Hussey, Selectmen Representative
Roger Sample, Alternate

Others Present: Ken McWilliams, Town of Alton Planner
John Dever III, Code Enforcement
Randy Sanborn, Secretary, Planning Department
Members of the Public

I. CALL TO ORDER

Scott Williams, Vice Chair, called the Public Forum to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Roger Sample was appointed as an alternate for this meeting.

III. ZONING AMENDMENT S

K. McWilliams gave an overview of the purpose for this meeting. This is in advance of the formal Public Hearings. There are two Public Hearings scheduled in January. The first one will be held on January 10, 2012. Depending on what happens at that Hearing there is an opportunity for a second Hearing on January 31, 2012 if needed. To clarify the process both tonight and the January 10th meeting the Planning Board has the opportunity to make changes to the amendments. On the last Public Hearing in January they can make editorial changes but no substantive changes so at that point it is a vote up or down to take that amendment to the ballot vote at March Town Meeting.

Carol Locke, 17 Prospect Mountain Road, spoke regarding the Function Facility Amendment. She asked how they were going to prevent concert venues. Because of the language it is difficult to determine if concert venues are accepted or not.

S. Williams stated that concerts for pay would not fall under that category.

D. Hussey stated for a concert they would have to get a permit from the Selectmen and the abutters would be notified.

She also asked why Lakeshore Residential was not included as an exception.

K. McWilliams explained that that area is the most restrictive district zone in Town so that is the most protective district and it is definitely a residential area. He stated that he would amend the definition of a Commercial Function Facility to state that concert venues would not be included in the definition.

C. Locke stated that she would like to see indoor music only.

There was no further public input.

D. Hussey made a motion to move it forward with the proposed amendments with the one change to the January 10th Public Meeting.

B. Curtin seconded the motion with all in favor.

IV. Adjournment

D. Hussey made a motion to adjourn.

R. Sample seconded the motion. All were in favor making the motion unanimous.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Sanborn
Recorder