



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLANNING BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
April 12, 2012

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MEMBERS		ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Paul Winckler, Chairman	X	Richard DesRoches	X	Michelle MacDonald, Secretary	X
John Blackwood, Vice-Chairman Arrived 7:25 pm, left 7:50 pm	X	Tom Dube	X		
Charlie Edwards, Selectmen's Rep	X				
Stephen Royle	X				

Attendees present: Gerard Levesque, Dave Mankus, Doug Stewart, Kathleen Hraba, John Hraba, Linda Schier, Relf Fogg, Forest Bell (F.B. Environmental)

Chairman Winckler opened the meeting at 7:00pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Winckler opened the session for public comment. Hearing none, the Chairman closed the public comment session.

Chairman welcomed Doug Stewart. Doug is interested in becoming an alternate for the planning board. Chairman asked Doug to write a short letter of interest.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

BOARD BUSINESS

- The board discussed the election of a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman.** Chairman Winckler stated that he would like to remain as Chairman and asked if there was any discussion. Selectman Representative, Charlie Edwards thought they might want to wait for Vice-Chair Blackwood to arrive. Chairman Winckler made the comment that he had already discussed this matter with Vice-Chair Blackwood and that he would like to remain as Vice-chairman.

MOTION: To accept the re-election of Paul Winckler as Chairman and John Blackwood as Vice-Chair of the Planning Board.

Made by: Charlie Edwards
Seconded by: Stephen Royle
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

BOARD BUSINESS

- Chairman Winckler stated there was still an opening on the board.** He knew of a couple of people that have shown interest and they could be elected right in the meeting. The two people are Tom Dube and Dick DesRoches. Dick declared that Tom Dube has been an alternate longer and wouldn't mind stepping back and remaining an alternate.

MOTION: To elect Tom Dube as the new board member.

Made by: Charlie Edwards

Seconded by: Paul Winckler

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

- Forest Bell from F.B. Environmental would like to speak about lake preservation.** Chairman Winckler stated that apparently there is a grant available for us and would like to hear more about it. Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Bell. Mr. Bell gave some handouts to the board and the public to go along with his discussion. He mentioned he is an owner of a consulting firm that does work around lakes. He stated he has gotten fairly familiar with this region through the work he did for Acton Wakefield Water Shed Alliance. Mr. Bell brought up a couple of points, one was to remind the board the reason he is in business, as a child he grew up in rural Maine fishing with his dad. While fishing they realized that some things were going on and the fish were not surviving.

Mr. Bell gave a quick history - The water shed plan was developed, he thinks they finished in 2008 or 2009 and they had a grant in 2010 to work with both Acton and Wakefield. At a previous meeting Mr. Bell and the board talked about what the barriers are. The message that Mr. Bell took home was that a new ordinance or new regulations of storm water ordinance is not something the board would like to go to at this point. Chairman Winckler agreed.

Forest Bell stated that the grant is similar to the one we had before so it's not actually a grant to the town but it's a grant to hire him to be the technical assistance provider to the town. Two things Mr. Bell would be doing; working for Resources Protection and the Town of Wakefield. His job is to find something in there that matches. The scope of the project is basically to attend three working meetings, in the course of a year, with the Planning Board. At each step we will have more to talk about and reflect on. He would also present one municipal workshop, based on conversations and input from the town. This workshop would focus on the benefits of storm water management. Mr. Bell's goal is to development and deliver a final storm water management policy tailored to the Town of Wakefield needs, so the thought being without developing a new ordinance for Wakefield's storm water ordinance, work with the existing zoning and site plan documents to make some improvements that Mr. Bell would recommend.

Mr. Bell asked for any questions. Chairman Winckler reminded Mr. Bell about the last meeting where it was discussed that the Town of Wakefield will not be putting any money into this grant or taking care of any administrating, wanting to make sure this still stands. Mr. Bell agreed. He also stated the fact that he thinks it would be efficient and cost effective to pay Mike Garrepy up

to 16 hours for his assistance. Tom Dube talked about how much salt is being put on all of our state roads but if someone disturbs an ½ acre of land, they need to get approval from the EPA and state approval, but the salt the state is dumping on the roads are just washing into the brooks which is putting phosphorus into our lakes. He is not saying we shouldn't do anything, he agrees that we need to stop phosphorus. Tom stated that he thinks the state has some really tough regulations right now on anyone moving dirt. Mr. Bell replied by saying just to be clear, there are certain areas, for example; like phosphorus and nutrients that are not mentioned in any of the language in Wakefield and they should be. Tom Dube asked Mr. Bell if leaves hurt our lakes. Mr. Bell replied they have been part of the eco system forever but does state that the problem lies when people dump leaves and brush into the water.

Key issues that Mr. Bell would like to address and improve; (1) talk about putting phosphorus and nutrients in the site plan review and low impact development. (2) Mr. Bell went on to say how he will set up the proposal by having a workshop for the board as well as the public. The speaker he has in mind is from the Storm Water Center and has done research on how low impact development can save money. Linda Schier stated that the lakes in Wakefield are important to the people who live here, as well as those who visit. We can't only rely on state regulations. Local control is what we need. Chairman Winckler talked about how we should involve the public in this meeting to educate the community. Mr. Winckler stated they should have the workshop in the summer, either the 3rd Thursday in July or the 1st Thursday in August. All board members agreed.

4. **Discussion on Master Plan Work for 2012.** Chairman Winckler started off by talking about the two chapters, Land Use and Community Facilities that were already done and required by the state. Mr. Winckler stated there is a lack of low income housing in Wakefield and believes that the chapter on Population and Housing should be done in 2012.

Mr. Winckler stressed the need to talk about Route 16 in terms of development there. He would like to take a Saturday morning to walk as a group up and down the road (Route 16) to discuss a plan of action. The Chairman felt that there should be a question added to the ballot next year that would say something simple like, would you be in favor of developing Route 16 in certain areas or something close to that effect. After they get the go ahead, Mr. Winckler would like to have a workshop concerning Route 16. Chapters that need to be worked on are the Heritage, Conservation, and Housing and Population.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Application for Colby's Repair Center to perform motorcycle inspections.** Mr. Winckler stated that they are already inspecting vehicles so he doesn't see any problem inspecting motorcycles.

MOTION: To approve the application for Colby's Repair Center
Made by: Charlie Edwards
Seconded by: Dick DesRoches
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

2. **Discussion on using Fosters Daily Democrat for the backup newspaper.** Steve Royle stated at the last meeting that the board was going to notify the Carroll County and Fosters Daily Democrat as the backup newspaper. Mr. Royle made the comment that in order for it to be done the right way they need to vote again this meeting. He referred to the Rules and Procedures where it stated "may be amended with a majority vote of the members provided such amendment is read at two successive meetings immediately preceding the meeting at which the vote is to be taken."

MOTION: To accept the Fosters Daily Democrat as the secondary newspaper for notices
Made by: Steve Royle
Seconded by: Charlie Edwards
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2012
Made by: Charlie Edwards
Seconded by: Dick DesRoches
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm
Made by: Charlie Edwards
Seconded by: Paul Winckler
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle MacDonald
Planning Board Secretary