Minutes

Planning Board Meeting

March 5, 2015

Members of the Planning Board in attendance were Charles Moreno, Chairman, and Denise Markow-Speed, Terry Hyland, Lynn Sweet, and Donald Coker, Alternate Member. The Board scheduled a public work session beginning at 6:00 PM to meet with Colin Lentz and Shayna Silvia of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission to discuss the 2017-2026 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. The SRPC representatives met with the Board in order to complete the project solicitation workbook, working to establish transportation planning priorities for the town of Strafford for inclusion in the regional plan. The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:10 PM. and announced the members present. The closing date for applications to appear on the agenda for the April 2015 regular meeting is 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015. The Chairman advised that the Board has a policy setting time limits for meetings and that the Board will not consider any new business after 10:30 PM.

The first and only item of continuing business before the Board was the application of BRIAN and SANDRA PAYNE for a conservation subdivision development and boundary adjustment on Payne Drive off Roller Coaster Road (Tax Map 7, Lot 8 and Tax Map 37, Lots 11 and 12). Bernard Cote of Géomètres Blue Hills has contacted the Planning office to request postponement of further discussion to the next meeting.

Board members then turned briefly to correspondence. Mark Franklin of 1460 Province Road has submitted a letter asking for the Board to review his proposal to operate a part-time repair shop for Thompson Center Arms guns at his home. Board members reviewed the proposal and agreed that the proposal would be considered a home occupation. Several Board members noted their support and asked to invite Mr. Franklin to attend the next regular meeting as a courtesy.

Board members then noted that they would like to receive copies of plans and any other submissions from applicants, including plan revisions, well in advance of the meetings. Board members agreed that when plan revisions are brought to the meeting, the Board does not have a chance to really review and understand the changes. After a brief discussion it was agreed that from this point forward, applicants will be advised that plan revisions and any other new documentation must be submitted for the regular deadline for new business. Board members reaffirmed that all application materials should be submitted in electronic as well as paper form. There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.