

TOWN OF WEARE

PLANNING BOARD

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May 24, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

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PRESENT: Craig Francisco, Chairman; George Malette, Frank Bolton, Neal Kurk, Keith Lacasse, Chip Meany, Land Use Coordinator; Sheila Savaria, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Dick Ludders, Jack Munn, Shane Despres

I: CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Craig Francisco called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Weare Town Office Building.

II: PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Sign Permit, Bob Currier, BC Auto: Mr. Currier is applying for a new sign because his old one was destroyed in a fire. The property is in the Industrial District, and the sign will be by the road at the edge of the property. The sign will comply with all regulations, and will be 4' x 8', 8' high, one-sided, and facing the road. It will be anon-reflective, non-lit sign. The site has been marked by State DOT in the setback.

George Malette moved to approve the sign as presented; Neal Kurk seconded, all voted in favor.

Voluntary Merger, Isabel Plante, Tax Map 105-45-46-45: Neal Kurk moved to accept the voluntary merger; George Malette seconded, all voted in favor.

Piscataquog River Management Plan Discussion: The Board discussed the River Management Plan and discussed setting up a public hearing. Craig Francisco will notify the Conservation Commission so they can comment.

Neal Kurk moved to set up a public hearing for the purpose of considering the Piscataquog River Management Plan update from 2010, as part of the Master Plan. Frank Bolton seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Piscataquog Watershed Land Conservation Plan, Volume 1: Chairman Francisco wants the co-occurrence model in the Plan. George Malette said if the Board adopts the plan, it's a guide only, so they can choose to use information from the co-occurrence model.

Neal Kurk moved to include the Watershed Plan with the co-occurrence model for the upcoming public hearing for the purpose of considering it as part of the Master Plan; George Malette seconded. Discussion: Keith Lacasse said he feels whenever the Board wants to make an ordinance in the future, it will be argued that the plan was adopted, so the Board must be in favor of it 100%. Mr. Lacasse questioned the urgency of accepting the plan if it can still be used as guidance if you don't adopt it. Further, Mr. Lacasse said that when you want to adopt something it's because you are trying to fix something, but in this case, there is nothing broken. Mr. Kurk said he doesn't feel the Board is obligating themselves in any way by adopting the plan. Jack Munn said, for example, if the Board adopted the plan and applied for a grant, the state may give the request higher points because it is in accordance with the Master Plan. Mr. Munn also suggested adopting it because it gives the town a basis for updating their plans, which is suggested to be done every 5-10 years. Chip Meany commented that if the Board adopts the plan, it is a reference for him to go to, if not, it just gets filed away and never used. Neal Kurk, George Malette, Frank Bolton, and Craig Francisco voted in favor; Keith Lacasse was opposed. The plan will be on the agenda for a public hearing for the June 28 meeting.

III: OTHER BUSINESS:

Chip Meany told the members of the Board the he will send them an email of a draft of the Town of Weare Policy on Boards, Committees and Commissions for them to review.

Minutes: Neal Kurk moved to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2012 meeting as presented; George Malette seconded. Neal Kurk, George Malette, and Craig Francisco voted in favor; Keith Lacasse and Frank Bolton abstained.

Neal Kurk moved to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2012 meeting as presented; George Malette seconded. Neal Kurk, George Malette, and Craig Francisco voted in favor; Keith Lacasse and Frank Bolton abstained.

Keith Lacasse moved to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2012 meeting as amended; Neal Kurk seconded, all voted in favor.

Keith Lacasse moved to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2012 meeting as amended; Neal Kurk seconded, all voted in favor.

IV: ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Neal Kurk moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm; Keith Lacasse seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Savaria,
Recording Secretary