

TOWN OF WEARE

PLANNING BOARD

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June 28, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

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

GUESTS: Paul Doscher, John Magee, Jack Munn

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:

Piscataquog River Management Plan Discussion: Jack Munn explained that the plan is an update that includes identifications of all the programs that have changed since 2000, and a matrix of zoning since 2000. The biggest benefit of adopting this plan is that it provides a local voice for the community saying the rivers are significant in this community. Mr. Munn reiterated that the plan is advisory and having it as part of the Master Plan gives it more of a voice and it should be used as a tool for decision making.

Chairman Francisco closed the public hearing at 7:15 pm

George Malette moved that the Weare Planning Board adopt the Piscataquog River Management Plan as a part of the Weare Master Plan; Frank Bolton seconded. Neal Kurk requested that Mr. Malette withdraw his motion until there is a full Board present, since the member missing has voiced his opposition to this plan and is not here to vote. Mr. Malette said that that person has not been here through the whole process, and Chairman Francisco said he agrees somewhat that there should be a full Board, but said there is a quorum even though the missing member is opposed to this. Frank Bolton feels that if this is continued, then *he* wouldn't be at the meeting, and he is very much in favor of the plan. Mr. Kurk said there is no time pressure on the Board, and although he supports the plan, he will vote against it to give the Mr. Lacasse a chance to vote on it. Neal Kurk moved to table the motion, but there was no second, so the motion failed. George Malette, Frank Bolton, and Craig Francisco voted for Mr. Malette's original motion; Neal Kurk was opposed. The motion passed and the Board adopted the Piscataquog River Management Plan as a part of the Weare Master Plan.

Piscataquog Watershed Land Conservation Plan Discussion: Paul Doscher, a member from the public, commented that this plan doesn't provide directives, but does provide advice.

Chairman Francisco closed the hearing at 7:35 pm.

George Malette moved that the Weare Planning Board adopt the Piscataquog Watershed Land Conservation Plan with the co-occurrence plan, as part of the Weare Master Plan and the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 28, 2012, and signed by Chairman Craig Francisco. The plan the Board was voting on included maps, but said DRAFT on it. Jack Munn attested that the only change from the final copy is that the word DRAFT was changed to FINAL. Neal Kurk said he will vote against the plan because Keith Lacasse was not at the meeting to speak against it. Paul Doscher said that one benefit for adopting this plan is that when they are doing conservation projects, they search for grants, private gifts, and public funding, and when a parcel of land falls within this plan, it adds weight to get the funding requests.

Chairman Francisco moved to table the discussion on the plan for 2 weeks until the Board can get the

actual FINAL copy to vote on; Neal Kurk seconded. Neal Kurk and Craig Francisco were in favor, George Malette and Frank Bolton were opposed. The motion failed. Regarding the original motion, George Malette and Frank Bolton were in favor, Neal Kurk and Craig Francisco were opposed. The motion failed and the Piscataquog Watershed Land Conservation Plan will not be added to the Weare Master Plan and Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan at this time.

Craig Francisco moved to continue the discussion on this plan until the meeting of July 26, 2012; Neal Kurk seconded. Craig Francisco, Frank Bolton, and Neal Kurk were in favor; George Malette was opposed.

III: OTHER BUSINESS:

Minutes: Frank Bolton moved to accept the May 24, 2012 minutes as amended; Neal Kurk seconded, all voted in favor.

Neal Kurk asked if the Board would be dealing with subdivision regulations soon. Chairman Francisco agreed that it would be a good idea and said he will send an email out soon about it. Mr. Kurk also asked if the Board wanted to look at updating the zoning map. The Board discussed who should be involved with this lengthy process, and they decided to wait until there are updated zoning maps to see what the town looks like before they act on this.

George Malette questioned the process of making a complaint about an unreported change of use in a business. Chip explained that he would investigate the complaint, refer to his code book, and make a decision as to whether or not they are in violation and need to appear before the Planning Board.

IV: ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Neal Kurk moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm; Frank Bolton seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Savaria,
Recording Secretary