

TOWN OF WEARE

PLANNING BOARD

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April 12, 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

I: CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Craig Francisco called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Weare Town Office Building and welcomed Exofficio Keith Lacasse to the Board.

II: OTHER BUSINESS:

Neal Kurk nominated the same slate of members to serve on the Board for the ensuing year; George Malette seconded, all voted in favor.

Piscataquog River Plan: Craig Francisco told the Board he got an email from Andy Fulton, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, saying they thought the Piscataquog River Plan update should be referenced in an addendum to the Master Plan, but they do not recommend adopting the plan. Frank Bolton asked why the Board should be worried about adopting the plan or making it an addendum if the Master Plan is only used as a guideline. Neal Kurk said that we use the Master Plan as a guiding set of standards for amending or revising the zoning ordinances. George Malette argued that if the Board does not use the Master Plan or an addendum within it, then creating a zoning ordinance cannot be held legally. Mr. Malette also wanted to explain that the Conservation Commission thinks if the Planning Board adopts the plan, they think that they have to live up to every word in there and that is not the case.

PRLAC member Dick Ludders of 108 Reservoir Road, said they use the River Management Plan when they meet to review development plans within a quarter mile of the river. Mr. Ludders said the plan was unanimously adopted by the Board in 2000 and they want the Planning Board to adopt the updated version. Mr. Ludders said the plan is advisory only and has good ideas and things to be aware of in terms of the river, but the Conservation Commission isn't comfortable adopting it. It is important to protect the resources we have in town and adopting this helps to reinforce the commitment to protect our resources. Neal Kurk thinks we could have the same commitment if the Board simply acknowledges receipt of the plan. Mr. Malette feels that the Board should read the River Management Plan and bring their questions to the next meeting, and to remember that it is important to adopt this plan instead of simply acknowledging it because it gives it the greatest strength. He reminded the Board that its main function is for long term planning of the Town and this is part of the process.

Mr. Malette asked Mr. Ludders to attend the workshop meetings until the Planning Board makes a decision on what to do with this plan. Mr. Ludders urged the Board to adopt the plan with the co-occurrence model because it's more complete.

III: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Savaria, Recording Secretary