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**Town of Grantham-Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2011**

Carl Hanson, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room, Grantham Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH.

Present: Carl Hanson, Chair; Charles McCarthy, Vice Chair; Alden H. Pillsbury; Warren Kimball, Selectmen's Rep; Bob Barnes Alt; Jessica Smith, Clerk

Absent: Karen Ryan; Larry Fuller, Alt.

Public Attendance: Carl Voas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Hanson asked if there were any corrections to the July 7, 2011 meeting minutes. With no corrections requested, *a motion was made by B. Barnes to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by C. Hanson.*

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Permit Application #1:

Carl Voas; Tax Map 226 Lot 21-Rumbrook Place Inc.

C. Hanson confirmed that they would be reviewing two different sign permit applications for the same business. The first sign is a free standing sign closest to the interstate. C. Voas explained that they are basically looking to change the lens; the size of the sign would stay the same. The only thing changing on this free standing sign is the name on the lens.

C. McCarthy asked what the illumination would be on the new sign; C. Voas stated that it has internal illumination, and that they have no intentions of changing that.

C. Hanson explained that the internal illumination that they currently have was grandfathered in before the new sign ordinance stated "no internal illuminated signs", because they are only replacing the name lens on the sign there should be no issues.

With no further questions, *a motion was made by C. McCarthy to approve the Sign Permit Application for Tax Map 226 Lots 21; seconded by A. Pillsbury.*

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Sign Permit Application #2:

Carl Voas; Tax Map 226 Lot 21-Rumbrook Place Inc.

C. Voas explained that he had gone through the ordinance regarding sign permits; he found the ordinance a bit confusing. C. Voas stated that he learned in further conversations and research that the Town does not allow internal illumination and so he made adjustments to their original plan for signage on the canopy. C. Voas asked if they could have two signs on the canopy one facing the parking lot and the other facing the highway.

C. Hanson confirmed that the size of the two signs on the canopy. C. McCarthy asked if there were any regulations regarding the number of signs per business. C. Hanson stated that the ordinance states that two free standing on premises signs with a maximum square footage of 48 square feet for a single sign and 64 square feet total for the two signs. C. Voas pointed out that the wording is very confusing. C. Hanson stated that the two signs on the canopy total 35 square feet and then when adding in the existing free-standing sign brings you over the 64 square feet allowed.

C. Hanson explained that the board could only consider one of the canopy signs for approval in order to not exceed the 64 square footage limit.

W. Kimball asked about the lighting; C. Hanson explained that it was external and that it has to go off when the business is closed.

With no further questions, a motion was made by C. McCarthy to approve the Sign Permit Application with amendments for one sign on the canopy and all lighting shut off when business is closed for Tax Map 226 Lots 21; seconded by W. Kimball.

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Standard Dredge and Fill Application:

Town of Grantham; Tax Map 241 Lots 005, 006-001

C. Hanson explained that this application is only a notice of plan, requiring no action from the Planning Board.

C. McCarthy requested that the minutes reflect that the planning Board is entirely in favor of the Standard Dredge and Fill request.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by C. McCarthy to adjourn and seconded by W. Kimball.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on September 1, 2011 at 7pm in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Smith
Planning Board Clerk