

Town of Grantham-Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2009
[APPROVED]

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

Present: Carl Hanson, Chairman Absent: Bob Barnes, Alt.
Charles McCarthy, Vice Chair
Alden H. Pillsbury
Karen Ryan
Larry Fuller, Alt.
Warren Kimball, Selectmen's Rep.
Jessica Smith, Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Hanson explains that the December 4, 2008 minutes still need to be approved. At this time Hanson asks if anyone has any corrections or additions that they would like to add.

C. Hanson entertained the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motioned by K. Ryan and seconded by W. Kimball to approve the minutes of December 4, 2008 as submitted. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

C. Hanson brings forth the minutes from March 5, 2009 for approval. J. Smith states that she received a request from K. Ryan asking for an addition to the minutes regarding Brian & Cindy Jensen's Sign Permit Application (Page 2, paragraph 10).

C. McCarthy adds that in the closing of both Sign Permit Applications it states that it is an approval for a Site Plan Review Application, and should read Sign Permit Application.

With no further corrections or additions, C. Hanson entertained the motion to approve the minutes. W. Kimball made the motion and seconded by C. McCarthy to approve the minutes of March 5, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn & Melissa McGrath; Tax Map 234 & 225 Lots 038-039 Eastman/Brookridge section 1

C. Hanson reviews the letter received from Michael Work, the attorney for the McGrath's, indicating that they will not be able to attend the meeting tonight and that he would be available by telephone if anyone had any questions regarding the application.

A. Pillsbury & C. McCarthy confirms that the application appears to be very clear and straight forward. K. Ryan asks why we require them to be here for such a simple matter. C. Hanson & C. McCarthy clarify that it is a policy under the towns application, which is clearly stated on the application, however they have allowed a few exceptions with prior written notice.

C. Hanson explains that if people elect not to attend then they take the risk of that their application might not be approved.

***With no further questions, C. Hanson entertained a motion to approve the Merger/ Annexation Application as submitted. Motioned by; C. McCarthy, seconded by K. Ryan.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED***

C. Hanson stated that there is one more item that remains on the agenda, being the first meeting of the New Year, after the election. C. Hanson congratulates K. Ryan for her reelection and announces that they need to elect officers, a chair and a vice chair.

***C. McCarthy makes a motion to elect C. Hanson as Chair; this is seconded by W. Kimball. C. Hanson motions C. McCarthy be elected vice Chair, this is seconded by K. Ryan.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED***

C. McCarthy explains that he met with some folks at Upper Valley Planning Commission, who explained impact fees are tough for small towns to administer. They have something else they call off-site exaction fees and received some paper work on it and, is still trying to get a clear understanding of it all.

C. Hanson states that if you are going to charge an impact fee, you have to calculate what the impact of the ten new lots are being subdivided are on whatever the new needs are.

C. McCarthy clarifies that he is working on a process on trying to figure out how to set an impact fee, and believes that there should be a separate meeting to discuss it further and not be done during the Planning Boards regular meeting time.

With no further business before the Board, C. Hanson said he would entertain a motion to Adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by A. Pillsbury seconded by K. Ryan. The Planning Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:15p.m.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on May 7, 2009.