

Town of Jefferson
Office of the Planning Board

Minutes

June 11, 2013

Members present: Chairman Susan Griffin, Gordon Rebello, Michael Meehan, Kevin Meehan, Selectmen's representative; Donna Laurent, alternate; Charles Muller, Vernon Matson, Jeff Young

Absent: Jason Call, alternate

Others present: Charlene Wheeler, Board secretary

Minutes

Jeff Young made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting as read, seconded by Gordon Rebello. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous.

Consultation – LaRue/Matthews boundary line adjustment

Eric and Janice LaRue and Robert and Jane Matthews want to change boundary lines on properties owned on Belle Hunt Road, Map 9, Lots 29, 30, 31, and 32. Property lines between lots would be abandoned and redrawn through the center of Belle Hunt Road resulting in two larger lots. Gardner Kellogg is acting as agent for the property owners. Board members examined the plats and agreed forming two larger lots conforming to the Land Use Ordinance size requirement is desirable. A hearing was scheduled for July 9 and notices will be posted as required.

Financial Report

Gordon Rebello made the motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Jeff Young. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous.

Communications

A copy of a building permit was circulated.
Copies of Selectmen's minutes were circulated.

Unfinished Business

At the Board's last meeting it was decided to request a meeting with the Selectmen be arranged so both boards could discuss safety issues at Santa's Village. The date was set as June 17. Chairman Griffin who couldn't attend the Board's last meeting said she wanted to express her thoughts on this matter. She thought the way Selectmen had responded to the original letter misinterpreted the Planning Board's intention, it had nothing to do with building permits. It was just an offer to help with a problem in our town. Planning Board members had no desire to overstep their jurisdiction. She said Michael Meehan had expressed concern about continuing to pursue the issue. The Planning board showed it had a concern and that it would be glad to help in any way in the future if it could. She didn't see any reason keep moving forward on this issue and asked other Board members for their opinions. Michael Meehan again said he was

concerned it seemed the Board was overstepping its bounds. Kevin Meehan said it was a communications problem, the response from the Selectmen was not meant to sound as bad as it seemed to the Planning Board. Chairman Griffin said there was no agenda or political reasons for what the Planning Board did, just concern for people's safety. Not whose job is what but getting together to solve a problem. Instead we seemed to offend the Selectmen. Kevin Meehan said the Selectmen would have been more comfortable if the request for a meeting had come from Santa's Village rather than the Planning Board. The town shouldn't be initiating the discussion. Vernon Matson said any of the boards in the town should be looking out for any people coming into our town. The state can be pressed more for changes. Jeff Young said the NH Department of Transportation hands are tied in Concord. Traffic numbers are used to justify decision and we don't have the traffic seen in the southern part of the state. Gordon Rebello agreed. Charles Muller said a lot of suggestions for solutions have already been discussed with the state. He also thought a request for a speed limit change had to come from the town not a business to be considered. Donna Laurent said if Santa's Village asked and was denied a change in the speed limit, then the town should request a change, all they can say is no again. Kevin Meehan said how much can we keep asking? The town shouldn't be involved unless a request comes from a business. Susan Griffin said it seems easy to ask a business if it needs assistance if a problem is perceived. Board members decided to withdraw their request for a meeting with the Selectmen and instead leave it up to individual members to attend a Selectmen's meeting and address the issue if they still feel strongly enough to do so. Vernon Matson said he would go and Chairman Griffin said she would have to have more time to think about it. It was noted that perhaps the traffic issue would come up again in the future if the library is completed and an entrance is needed on Route 2.

The Board secretary reported she had not heard from Mr. Lieberum about his letter of credit and his progress on installing utilities in his subdivision on Stag Hollow Road. His 6 year period to make substantial progress on meeting the conditions of his subdivision approval will end in July 2014. His current letter of credit on file will expire in January, 2014. The Board secretary was asked to write another letter to Mr. Lieberum asking him to come to a meeting to discuss the issue with the Board. She will e-mail a copy of the letter draft to Chairman Griffin for approval before sending it.

The Board secretary passed out copies of the draft for a boundary line adjustment checklist based on the Board's last discussion. Board members examined the draft and made no changes. Jeff Young made the motion to adopt the revision of the boundary li adjustment checklist, seconded by Gordon Rebello. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous. The secretary was directed to inform the Board if fees on applications became out of line with actual costs to the town.

Jeff Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gordon Rebello. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Charlene Wheeler
Secretary to the Board