

**TOWN OF THORNTON PLANNING BOARD
ZONING AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING**

Hearing Date: January 19, 2012

APPROVED

The Thornton Planning Board met and held a zoning public hearing on Thursday, January 19, 2012 6:00 PM at the Thornton Town Hall in accordance with RSA 675:2-4, RSA 675:6 and RSA 675:7 to present (1) proposed petitioned zoning ordinance amendment and amendments proposed by the planning board.

Board Members present: Bart Dutto, Chairman, David Joyce, Selectman, Frank Freeman, Gloria Kimball, Sandy MacIntosh, Tyler Phillips, Alternate Members, Russ Gilman and Dennis Day.

Alternate Board Member Russ Gilman is a voting member at this hearing.

Staff present: Clint Rand, Planning Board Assist/Zoning Officer
Marianne Peabody, Secretary

Public present: Please see attached sign in sheet.

At 6:00 Pm Chairman Dutto opened the business meeting with the Flag Salute. The planning board meeting minutes of December 15, 2011 were reviewed and approved with amendments made by the board.

Motion

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Planning Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 201, as amended. Voted 7-0

During the business portion of the business meeting.

The meeting room at the Town Hall was filling up with interested public voters. The sign in sheet registered 52 members of the public present. As posted, the zoning hearing may be relocated. Chairman Dutto announced to the public the zoning hearing will be moved to the Thornton Central School to accommodate the public attendees.

Chairman Dutto opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:20pm explaining to the public there is (1) petitioned amendment and additional amendments proposed by the Planning Board.

Petitioned Amendment: There was considerable input from the public relating to this petitioned amendment ranging from mixed concerns, promoting growth,

increasing tax revenue. At the end of discussion the message from the people was loud and clear. They are not in favor of closing down any existing businesses in Thornton, and they like the way things are now.

The public asked for the Planning Board Members to consider an alternative solution to amend the zoning ordinance in an effort to correct the non-permitted businesses and starting over.

MOTION

A motion was made and seconded to approve or disapprove the petitioned zoning amendment. The Board voted 7-0 to disapprove the petitioned amendment that will be placed on the 2012 Non-partisan ballot

Motion passed unanimously.

The Planning Board decided to hold a business work session on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 6:00 pm at the Town Hall to work on an alternative solution to accommodate the existing non-permitted businesses in town.

Another amendment discussed in length was Article II Definitions.

Proposing to add #N Junk Yards

The public discussed this proposed definition in length with the planning board asking questions on how this may affect their property. The sports of Demolition Derby, race cars, antique cars and tractors were mentioned. The public made it clear they would rather see what is in place enforced, and not adding anything new.

The Planning Board agreed to strike the proposed junk yard definition from the proposed amendments presented.

Another planning board proposed amendment to add O. Setback to zoning definitions was discussed by the Board. At a previous meeting the Board agreed to eliminate septic systems and parking lots from the setback requirements. All board members agreed to remove septic systems and parking lots from the proposed amendment.

This hearing was recorded, and the recording is to be made a part of this record.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Marianne Peabody, Secretary

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