

TOWN OF THORNTON PLANNING BOARD

Approved on: 7/21/15
PB Initials: B. Regan
Rec'd by Town Clerk on: 7/21/15
Town Clerk Initials: 242

Planning Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 18, 2015

CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE OF FLAG:

S. Babin called the meeting to order at 6:04pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present:

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| S. Babin, Chair | B. Dutto, Member | N. Decoteau, Ex-officio |
| F. Freeman, Vice Chair | G. Kimball, Member | B. Macintosh, Member |
| F. Gunter, Alternate | D. O'Donnell, Alternate | |
| J. Piehn, Alternate | C. Schofield, Alternate | |

Staff present:

B. Regan, Planning Director

MOTION: "To appoint F. Gunter to the vacant position as voting member for the meeting."

Motion: N. Decoteau

Second: F. Freeman

Discussion: None

Motion passes: 6-YES, 0-NO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve the Minutes of May 21, 2015 as amended."

Motion: G. Kimball

Second: F. Gunter

Discussion: B. Regan indicated that the minor corrections submitted have been made to the document.

Motion passes: 7-YES, 0-NO

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planning Board Counsel-Status:

B. Regan updated the Board members regarding the fact that Attorney M. Serge is leaving the firm of Upton & Hatfield and joining the firm of Drummond Woodsum and that Upton & Hatfield is looking for direction as to existing cases and future business. He further suggested one option would be to keep M. Serge on the CBDA matter(s) and keep other legal matters for the PB with Upton & Hatfield until such time as an alternate counsel was settled on.

F. Freeman expressed his opinion that he felt M. Serge had been on the case and was well grounded on all aspects of the matters and it would be best to stay with him to be consistent.

B. Dutto stated we should keep the attorney that had been working the case over the years.

G. Kimball agreed it would make sense to stay with M. Serge.

S. Babin said he had occasion to speak with Atty. C. Boldt who expressed an interest in representing the PB after the CBDA matter was concluded as he represented the ZBA in that matter. He further said we should check into attorney's fees for the new firm.

B. Regan said he would attempt to negotiate the same fees as we had with Upton & Hatfield.

N. Decoteau suggested we stay with M. Serge for CDBA matters and continue with Upton & Hatfield for other PB matters.

B. Regan said he would follow-up with M. Serge and Upton & Hatfield accordingly.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No Public Hearings were scheduled

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Andrews Construction Co., Inc. – “Exit 29 Gravel Pit” – Report & Recommendation

B. Regan presented a Memo: Permitting-Excavation at “Exit 29 Pit” which outlined recent discussion with potential purchaser of the property, B. Crane as well as the result of his research and his resultant recommendation.

After general discussion amongst the board members B. Regan was authorized to respond in writing to B. Crane regarding the filing an application and reiterating the board’s willingness to work with him in the process.

B. Dutto suggested it would best that he go through the process so the abutters would be fully aware and have the ability to be heard.

F. Gunter noted the board would be in a better position to work with him once he owns the land.

N. Decoteau suggested it would be prudent to assess the property as it stands today in order to identify any reclamation that may have been done or may need to be done. She noted it should be done before the existing permit expires.

General discussion took place as to reclamation responsibility and surety.

S. Babin suggested B. Regan get the current owner’s (Meredith Village Savings Bank) permission to inspect the property regarding the issue of reclamation.

2. “Whitehouse Pit”: Cola reclamation. Status report.

B. Regan reported on the status of the old “Whitehouse Pit” located at Tax Map 16 Lot 4-29. He further advised as to his site inspection and distributed a series of photographs of the site.

F. Freeman stated he and F. Gunter also completed an onsite inspection and they felt the work done was adequate.

MOTION: “To authorize the Planning Director to notify the Board of Selectmen to release restoration bond #2182988 posted by Robert & Jeanne Cola recognizing their completion of restoration work at the former gravel pit on the property at Tax Map 16 Lot 4-29.”

Motion: G. Kimball

Second: B. Dutto

Discussion: None

Motion passes: 7-YES, 0-NO

J. Cola commented to thank the board for all of their consideration in the process.

S. Babin & F. Freeman thanked the Cola’s for their cooperation with the reclamation matter.

3. “CBDA II”. Update.

B. Regan updated the Board on the status of pending litigation. He also briefed the full board on an e-mail exchange with counsel that he had previously shared with S. Babin and F. Freeman.

NON-PUBLIC:

No Non-Public Session was necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

The following motion was made at 6:45pm:

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: B. Dutto

Second: F. Gunter

Discussion: None

Motion passes: 7-YES, 0-NO

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Regan, Planning Director

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AGENDA Thursday, June 18, 2015 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE OF FLAG:

B. ROLL CALL:

S. Babin, Chair
F. Freeman, Vice Chair

B. Dutto, Member
G. Kimball, Member

N. Decoteau, Ex-officio
B. Macintosh, Member

R. Gilman, Alternate
J. Piehn, Alternate

F. Gunter, Alternate
C. Schofield, Alternate

D. O'Donnell, Alternate

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- May 21, 2015 Regular Meeting

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planning Board Counsel-Status

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Andrews Construction Co., Inc. – “Exit 29 Gravel Pit” – Report & Recommendation
2. “Whitehouse Pit”: Cola reclamation. Status report.
3. “CBDA II”. Update.

G. NON-PUBLIC:

None

H. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Planning Board

June 18, 2015

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