

Hopkinton Planning Board
Minutes
April 8, 2008

Chairman Bruce Ellsworth opened the Hopkinton Planning Board meeting of Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 7:00 PM in the Hopkinton Town Hall. Members present: Vice Chairman Timothy Britain, Celeste Hemingson, Michael Wilkey, Jane Bradstreet, Edwin Taylor, Cettie Connolly and James O'Brien. Absent: Bethann McCarthy and Clarke Kidder.

I. Review of the Minutes of March 18, 2008.

Motion made by Mr. Wilkey, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to accept the Minutes of March 18, 2008 with addition of the words, "associated equipment" on page 2, paragraph entitled Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.4.7 Uninspected Vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Wilkey, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to accept the Notice of Decision of March 18, 2008 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Conceptual Consultations.

There were no conceptual consultations presented.

III. Other Business.

- **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman** – Motion made by Mrs. Hemingson, seconded by Mrs. Connolly, to re-elect Timothy Britain as Vice Chairman of the Hopkinton Planning Board. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Site Review Regulations** – Planning Director Karen Robertson provided members with proposed draft revisions to Hopkinton's Site Review Regulations. The draft was provided for discussion purposes. Draft revisions included an optional conceptual review and a required preliminary review similar to that which is presently required for applications for subdivisions. Further revisions include a list of review standards that require applicants to address among other items the preservation of natural features, surface water, wetlands, and storm water management. New standards include application requirements for home businesses, technical review and/or inspections and landscaping standards. Board members will review draft for discussion at the May 13, 2008 meeting.
- **House Bill 1472 Workforce Housing** – Chairman Ellsworth advised of his conversation a Hooksett State Representative concerning House Bill 1472 Workforce Housing. Apparently, the bill includes a requirement for immediate implementation, which would provide no time for Planning Boards to implement any changes to local ordinances and regulations.

Following brief discussion, members noted that Hopkinton currently addresses the issue of workforce house by allowing multi-family and two-family housing in the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts. Planning Board will further discuss the issue following the Senate's reaction to the bill.

IV. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Chairman Ellsworth declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Board is Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

Karen L. Robertson
Planning Director

In accordance with RSA 677:15, any person(s) aggrieved by any decision of the Board concerning application(s) may present to the Superior Court a petition, duly verified, setting forth that such a decision is illegal or unreasonable in whole or part and specifying the grounds upon which the same is claimed to be illegal or unreasonable. Such petition shall be presented to the court within thirty (30) days after the Board's final decision regarding the application in question has been filed and becomes available for public inspection in the Planning Office.