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HOPKINTON PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF DECISION JULY 8, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Hopkinton Planning Board met on **Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at 7:00 PM** in the Hopkinton Town Hall, 330 Main Street, Hopkinton, and made the following decision(s):

I. Review and adopt the Minutes and Notice of Decision of June 10, 2014.

Michael Wilkey, seconded by Cettie Connolly, moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes with correction to the opening paragraph and final paragraph by replacing the name Vice Chairman Timothy Britain with Chairman Bruce Ellsworth. With six members voting, five voted in favor and one voted in abstention (Hemingson).

Cettie Connolly, seconded by Michael Wilkey, moved to **APPROVE** the Notice of Decision with correction to the final paragraph of the minutes by replacing the name Vice Chairman Britain with Chairman Ellsworth. With six members voting, five voted in favor and one voted in abstention (Hemingson).

II. Public Hearing – Subdivision Regulations. Pursuant to NH RSA 675:6 & 7, the Planning Board held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Subdivision Regulations. Amendments proposed were as follows:

- a. **Amend Section III, 3.3.4** Other Required Exhibits by inserting as (h) language requiring a restoration plan to accompany an application for a subdivision that requires an Alteration and Terrain Permit, or a proposed new street.

The amendment will provide the Town with a mechanism to ensure that disturbed areas can be stabilized if construction, excavation, alteration, or development ceases for more than one (1) year; erosion and sedimentations controls are not maintained; areas outside of the area or phased approval have been disturbed, or the site has been abandoned. A full-text of the amendment is attached.

Celeste Hemingson, seconded by Cettie Connolly, moved to **ADOPT** the proposed amendment to Section III, 3.3.4 of the Hopkinton Subdivision Regulations. Motion carried unanimously (Hemingson, Connolly, Wilkey, Steele, Fredyma and Ellsworth).

- b. **Amend Section IV, 4.4.2** Streets by inserting language permitting the construction of a new street only for a subdivision creating a minimum of four (4) lots total. The total may include any lot containing an existing residence.

The amendment will limit an individual's ability to construct a Town road for anything less than four (4) lots; thereby, limiting the Town's responsibility to maintain a road that

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could possibly service only one (1) to three (3) homes. A full-text of the amendment is attached.

Celeste Hemingson, seconded by James Fredyma, moved to **ADOPT** the proposed amendment to Section IV, 4.4.2 of the Hopkinton Subdivision Regulations. Motion carried unanimously (Hemingson, Connolly, Wilkey, Steele, Fredyma and Ellsworth).

III. Subdivision Regulations Work Session. The Planning Board review the following proposed amendments:

- a. Amend Section I, 1.3.1** Rules of Procedure by inserting language with respect to the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Board, including the procedures by which the Board receives and acts upon applications and communications.

Celeste Hemingson, seconded by Michael Wilkey, moved to **ACCEPT** the proposed amendments for public hearing. Motion carried unanimously (Hemingson, Connolly, Wilkey, Steele, Fredyma and Ellsworth).

IV. Adjournment.

Chairman Bruce Ellsworth declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:45 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Hopkinton Planning Board is at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

Karen Robertson
Planning Director

In accordance with RSA 677:15, any person(s) aggrieved by any decision of the Planning 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.