



PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON
New Hampshire

2017-2018
Joe Cacciatore, *Chairman*
Dr. Robert Marston, *Vice Chairman*

MINUTES
Regular Meeting 16 February 2017
7:00 pm

AGENDA:

- ◆ **Call to Order**
- ◆ **Continued Review** of the Growth Management Ordinance/Elderly Housing Ordinance
- ◆ **Review** of the Sign Regulations
- ◆ **Board Business**

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting of the East Kingston Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Chairman Joe Cacciatore, Vice Chairman Dr. Robert Marston, Joshua Bath, and Bill Caswell. Chris Delling was excused. The Ex-Officio did not attend

Advisors Present: Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) Senior Planner Ms. Julie LaBranche.

Minutes

Mr. Cacciatore asked for a **MOTION** to approve the January minutes.

Mr. Bath **MOVED** to approve the January minutes as presented; second by Dr. Marston. The vote was unanimous.

Continued Review of the Growth Management Ordinance/Elderly Housing Ordinance

Mrs. White had completed updates from Mr. Moreau and presented to the Board for review.

Mr. Cacciatore asked if there were any questions. There being none, he asked for a motion.

Mr. Bath **MOVED** to approve the Growth Management Ordinance/Elderly Housing Ordinance as presented; second by Dr. Marston. The vote was unanimous.

Signs

Ms. LaBranche reviewed the marked-up copy of the existing sign regulations with the Board. She reiterated that with the changes in the laws regarding signs, Towns cannot dictate content of any sign can be as long as it is not sexually explicit or offensive. They can regulate size, color, illumination, location, and the number of signs allowed.

After discussion, there were some minor changes made. Mr. Bath had compiled a Purpose statement for the ordinance, as discussed at the January meeting.

Mr. Bath suggested the following to be used as a purpose statement:

The purpose of this section is to create the legal framework for a comprehensive and balanced system of signage control and thereby to provide an attractive and effective balance between signage and the environment. This section shall be enforced and administered with the support of the signage regulation stated in the East Kingston Zoning By-Laws.

Ms. LaBranche will make the changes discussed, add the purpose statement, and distribute a clean copy of the revised sign regulation at the March meeting, and go to Public Hearing in April.

Ms. LaBranche noted that there was a zoning change which will be addressed in next year's warrant articles.

Other Business

ADU Handout

Ms. LaBranche had compiled a flyer explaining to the residents why it was important to pass the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance changes in the warrant in anticipation of the new law changes in July. They had been available at the deliberative, and copies were also in the Town Office for residents to read.

Non-Conforming

Mr. Cacciatore reported the Building Inspector had expressed concern about the ordinance regarding non-conforming structures, as building permits for renovations were the main part of his businesses. He opined that it was not fair to tell someone they couldn't fix up their house just because it was non-conforming to today's ordinances. This item had slipped through the cracks for inclusion on the warrant this year, but the Board will work on changes to this ordinance for inclusion on next year's warrant.

Prohibited Uses

Dr. Marston pointed out the warrant article to be presented to the Town says the Planning Board supported a list of prohibited uses, which include adult oriented business; fireworks storage, manufacture and sales; industrial and commercial manufacturing or activity; vehicle restoration and auto body shops; and storage, handling or sales of regulated substances.

His recollection was that they discussed allowing vehicle restoration and auto body shops. Ms. LaBranche will check her notes, but thinks they had discussion and decided to not allow vehicle restoration and auto body shops as a home occupation as it didn't fit with the Master Plan.

Vote What You Believe

Mr. Cacciatore reminded the Board members to vote the way they believe, and not be pressured to go along with the rest of the Board for a unanimous decision. The Board is tasked to make hard decisions for the good of the Town, and everyone may not agree on every decision, which is fine.

Appointments

Mrs. White reminded the Board it was time for reappointments. Mr. Cacciatore, Mr. Bath and Mr. Caswell all expressed they would like to remain on the Board. Mrs. White will let the Selectmen's Office know.

Officer Elections

Mrs. White also reminded the Board that March was when Officer Elections were conducted.

Next Month's Meeting

Mrs. White noted there were two home occupations coming before the Board next month.

Adjournment

MOTION: Dr. Marston **MOVED** the Planning Board adjourn, Mr. Bath seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cacciatore closed the meeting at 8:10 pm..

The next Planning Board meeting will be on March 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara White

Planning Board Secretary

Joseph Cacciatore

Chairman

Minutes approved March 16, 2017