

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

June 25, 2008

ROLL CALL:

Phil LoChiatto, Chairman – Present	Nancy Prendergast, Vice Chairman – Present
Rick Okerman, Secretary – Present	Walter Kolodziej, Regular Member – Excused
Ruth-Ellen Post, Regular Member – Present	Pam Skinner, Regular Member – Present
Louis Hersch, Alternate Member – Excused	Kristi St. Laurent, Alternate Member – Not Seated
Sy Wrenn, Alternate Member – Present	Bruce Breton, Selectmen Member – Excused
Galen Stearns, Selectmen Alternate – Excused	

STAFF: Al Turner, Director of Planning and Development – Present

Mr. LoChiatto opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Wrenn replaced Mr. Kolodziej.

MINUTES:

Ms. Prendergast motioned to approve the June 18 minutes as amended. Ms. Post seconded. Passed 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Postcard from New England Environmental regarding a new employee.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Board discussion regarding the Spruce Pond II development agreement;
- Ms. Prendergast motioned to appoint Jack Merchant for a 3-year term to the Capital Improvements Committee (CIP). Ms. Skinner seconded. Passed 6-0.

WORK FORCE HOUSING:

Mr. Turner showed a map of homes and their assessed values. Board discussion regarding the medium income for Rockingham County, renter income vs. home owner income, vacant land that could have multi-family homes, inventory of housing, and what percentage of the homes at each level. Mr. Turner will gather more information for another meeting.

“GREEN” BUILDING ORDINANCE:

Mr. Turner stated that green building is being combined with work force housing, the city of Keene requires all commercial buildings be energy efficient, and would like the Board like more information on this topic? Board discussion regarding not making it mandatory, it would attract businesses, Mr. LoChiatto will bring in information, municipal and schools should be energy efficient, what is the effect on economic development, what a building needs to be Lead certified, many layers of certification, some local builders use Energy Star, USGBC conference is in Boston this year, some people are using geothermal heating, other forms of energy saving, and educating the builders. Mr. Turner will get more brochures from Energy Star to give out with building permits.

Mr. Turner stated that the impact fee consultant will come to the July 16 meeting, what is the connection between impact fees and the CIP, and are school impact fees used for the school fields.

Ms. Prendergast motioned to adjourn. Ms. Skinner seconded. Passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

These minutes are in draft form and have not yet been reviewed and approved.
Respectfully submitted, Nancy Charland