

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD

June 26, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Snyder, Chairman, Tyson Miller, Kent Ruesswick, Hillary Nelson, Lucy Nichols (Alternate),

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Art Rose, Joshua Gordon, Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Gordon (BOS Alternate), George Glines (BOS Rep.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Folsom as BOS representative

**Draft Minutes of June 12, 2018:** Kent Ruesswick made a motion to approve the minutes. Tyson Miller seconded. Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimous, 6/26/18 Minutes were approved.

**Discussion of Loudon Planning Board's recent decision regarding regional impact:** Jim Snyder asked Ken Folsom, Town Manager, to give this Planning Board an update after the Board of Selectmen (BOS) met to discuss whether to proceed with an appeal of the Loudon Planning Board's decision that the NHMS flat track application was not regional impact. Ken advised that the BOS declined to take this Board's recommendation to appeal Loudon's decision. In the alternative, Ken would draft a letter to the Loudon Planning Board for the BOS review and signature.

After our last meeting, Ken spoke with Attorney Karyn Forbes a number of times about the appeal deadline and the issues. The BOS decided to call an emergency meeting at which all three Selectmen and Ken were present. The Minutes of that meeting are final and are now public. Jim wondered why they didn't invite a Planning Board member to attend that meeting. Ken was unsure.

Hillary Nelson stated she sent an email to Ken and to Cheryl Gordon thanking them for listening to our concerns and for their efforts. However, Hillary feels Bart Meyer should not be our town attorney due to the many conflicts that arise with him also being town attorney for Loudon. She firmly felt he cannot represent us and Loudon at the same time. Jim agreed with Hillary. Jim pointed out it's not about him personally, it's about him being the town attorney for two abutting towns. Ken strongly disagreed with Hillary and Jim, but agreed to pass the thoughts on to the BOS. Jim thinks Karyn Forbes would make excellent town council. Ken stated he doesn't know anything about her but did have a positive experience with her. Ken feels Bart has always represented the Town of Canterbury very well and has given him very good advice over the years. Hillary disagreed and said he gave a Board member advice in the past suggesting we didn't have to get involved in the NHMS project, which was not in the best interest of Canterbury. She felt he was acting in Loudon's best interest.

46 Jim wrapped up the conversation by saying it seems as though Bart is supported well  
47 enough that we may not be changing town counsel, and when it comes to the racetrack,  
48 he thinks we'll have to hire someone else. A few members agreed regarding having to  
49 hire different counsel in the future regarding Loudon Planning Board. Ken confirmed he  
50 would still make the BOS aware of the member's feelings.

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52 There was further discussion about the letter Ken will be drafting and some of his  
53 discussions with Karyn Forbes, both at our recent meeting, and in Ken's phone calls  
54 with her. It was decided he would pass the draft letter on to the Planning Board, or  
55 Joshua Gordon, for review and inclusion by this Board.

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57 The Board discussed the Loudon Planning Board's historical handling of regional impact  
58 and about us ensuring we have a seat at the table for issues that are clearly regional  
59 impact in the future. Lucy talked about having our statements read into the record so if  
60 we need to appeal a decision in the future, any Judge would have a clear understanding  
61 of our position.

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63 Tyson pointed out that Loudon will have to have another hearing next year since they're  
64 only approved for one year. The Board also discussed real abutters as opposed to  
65 NHMS's version of who abutters are.

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67 This Board will hold off drafting a separate letter until we review the BOS letter to decide  
68 if we want to send a joint letter.

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70 **Table of Use project:** Jim is concerned we seem to be stalled with this and wants us  
71 to be aware of year-end deadlines. He thinks we need to have a smaller group put  
72 together a draft we could discuss and get the meetings scheduled with Conservation  
73 and other boards or committees. Lucy mentioned Mandy Irving, Town Assessor, will  
74 have some helpful input and she'd like to see her come to a meeting. The Board  
75 agreed.

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77 Hillary, Tyson, Kent, and Lucy volunteered to meet and push the project forward. Jim  
78 also said any person not willing to volunteer should be very careful about criticizing the  
79 result.

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81 There was discussion about the Green Energy committee. Ken reported that they had  
82 their first meeting last night to elect officers and come up with a mission statement.  
83 Members are Ruth Heath, Claudia Leidinger, Nick Fox, Fred Portnoy, David Day, and  
84 then two alternates that are slipping his mind at the moment. They may want to come in  
85 as well for solar issues.

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87 Tyson laid out zones and issues he felt we need to deal with, which the Board had a  
88 brief discussion about.

**Other Business:**

- Lucy was speaking with Mindy Beltramo who said she's on the Enterprise Committee working on commercial uses in Town, and would love to have a Planning Board member join them. Lois Scribner also approached her and explained that the Committee is about marketing Canterbury as a destination. Lucy said it makes sense for her to join them.

- Jim has possible scheduling conflicts in July and August which could make him show up slightly late or possibly miss a meeting. If Jim or Joshua isn't here and we had a quorum, we would make a motion to vote someone as acting chair. Jim doesn't expect it to be a problem but wanted to make us aware.

Motion to adjourn: Kent, seconded by Hillary. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Lori Gabriella, Secretary

Next meeting: July 10, 2018