

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
PLANNING BOARD  
FINAL MINUTES  
AUGUST 31, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Allen Howe, Vice Chairman John Wirkkala, Rich Moen, Alternate Member Bob Bell, and Sue Peacock, Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike McCrory, UVLSRPC

AGENDA ITEM # 1: Pat and David Stephan driveway permit, fees

The Public Hearing and Site Visit were held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Howe stated that the required driveway entrance drawing with engineer's stamp had been received from Mr. St. Pierre. Mr. Howe distributed a copy of a letter he sent to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Millette, Goshen Highway department, authorizing them to issue a driveway permit. Mr. Howe briefly went over the fees with the Board and passed them on to Mr. Moen. Mr. Howe stated that the Highway Department will issue the driveway permit.

AGENDA ITEM # 2: Master Plan:

Mr. McCrory stated that he does to maintain the December deadline, he will restructure the tasks, and will assess and assign when things will get done. Mr. McCrory distributed a brochure regarding Energy Technical Assistance (ETAP) which is a partner of CLF Ventures. CLF Ventures is putting together a statewide energy assistance program. This will include free technical assistance, and will be beneficial toward including an energy chapter in the Master Plan. ETAP is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This program would assist towns in understanding their energy consumption and in identifying energy cost reduction opportunities. The UVLSRPC is trying to get smaller towns to be involved in this program. This program would have to be approved by the Select Board. Mr. Howe stated that he did think that this program would be of interest to Goshen. Mr. Howe briefly went over the municipal buildings and described the features of the buildings. Mr. McCrory asked what needs to be done to get this application filled out. Mr. Howe will post ETAP information, contact the Select Board, and provide Mr. McCrory with contact information for the Conservation Commission.

Master Plan: Mr. McCrory would like just like to go through the remaining tasks for the Master Plan. Mr. McCrory stated that data collection is one of the tasks that he needs to complete. Other tasks were discussed. The energy chapter may require a bit more time to coordinate with possible ETAP activities.

Mr. McCrory discussed the Community Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis that will be conducted following the Data Collection task. Mr. McCrory said that a public forum would be necessary to help develop the strategy to address SWOT findings and attain Master Plan goals. Mr. McCrory suggested a forum with the public and the Planning Board for early November.

Mr. Howe said that he was hesitant to hold the forum before the Planning Board had reviewed the SWOT analysis. Mr. McCrory stated that he thought that he could prepare a report and have it sent to the Planning Board in early October, and then conduct a public forum in early November. Mr. McCrory will also provide the Board with a status report at the end of September.

Mr. McCrory will also contact the Board to help with the process, and he will have some tasks for the Board to report on.

#### AGENDA ITEM # 3: LSA

Lot size averaging: Mr. Howe would like the board to decide by the next meeting whether or not the draft LSA ordinance should contain a bonus clause.

#### AGENDA ITEM # 4: Minutes: August 3, August 12.

The Minutes of August 3<sup>rd</sup> were reviewed and corrections were made. Mr. Moen made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections, Mr. Wirkkala seconded, and all were in favor.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing, August 12<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and corrections were made. Mr. Howe made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections, Mr. Moen seconded, and all were in favor.

#### AGENDA ITEM # 5: Planning Board Chair

Mr. Howe would like to hear feedback from the Board as to whether he should continue as the Chairman of the Planning Board. The Board all agreed that he should continue.

#### AGENDA ITEM # 6: Other Business

Mr. Howe received correspondence from Richard Fraser stating that the Bond for the Davis Site reclamation has been renewed.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> the Court denied Newport Sand and Gravel's Motion to bring forward the 2009 "preemptive" lawsuit which was previously dismissed related to the Anderson Site special exception request. The Court basically ruled that the new 6/22/2010 decision was substantially different from the earlier 9/1/09 decision, and therefore that NS&G had to file a new Motion for Rehearing, and only if that was denied could NS&G file a new court appeal

Mr. Howe informed the board that the ZBA has received from Attorney Britain a motion to rehear the ZBA's 6/22/2010 decision to deny the special exception for the Anderson Site.

Mr. Moen made a motion to adjourn at approximately 9:00, Mr. Wirkkala seconded, and all were in favor.

SUBMITTED BY:

Sue Peacock

Planning Board Secretary