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PLANNING BOARD APPROVED MEETING MINUTES July 24, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Cottrill (Chair), Jeff Hollinger (Vice-Chair), Tina Helm (Board of Selectmen's Representative), Emma Crane (Conservation Commission Representative), Michael Doheny (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Gorman (Secretary), Deirdre Sheerr-Gross (Alternate), John Tilley, Michele Holton

Chair Cottrill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He asked Mr. Doheny to sit in for Paul Gorman, who was absent.

Request of Waiver for Site Plan – Solar Panel for Colby-Sawyer College

Steve Jesseman from Jesseman & Associates was at the meeting to represent the college. He said that the college was interested in studying energy efficiency and different ways of generating power. There is potential for solar power and the company they are talking to would like to put two side-by-side panels on a post behind the Ivey science building. They will use this as a test to see what the potential for power would be. If it becomes long-term they will come to the Planning Board with a more formal plan.

Chair Cottrill said that the panel is 10' 10" x 3' 2" and will be between 7' and 9' off the ground.

Mr. Doheny asked how long the panel would be there. Mr. Jesseman said that he was not sure. He thought it would be used to see what the power potential was, and then it would be used for future studies within the science department.

IT WAS MOVED (Jeff Hollinger) AND SECONDED (Emma Crane) to approve the waiver of the Site Plan Review for the installation of one post with two, side-by-side solar panels, to be placed behind the Ivey Science Center at Colby-Sawyer College. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Jeff Hollinger) AND SECONDED (Emma Crane) to approve the installation of one post with two, side-by-side solar panels, to be placed behind the Ivey Science Center at Colby-Sawyer College. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Waiver of Site Plan Review for Three Parking Spaces – Colby-Sawyer College

Mr. Jesseman said that the safety services cars need a place to park. They have located a suitable space near the James House where they would like to put three spaces. The spaces would be paved and striped.

IT WAS MOVED (Jeff Hollinger) AND SECONDED (Emma Crane) to waive the site plan review for three additional parking spaces. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Jeff Hollinger) AND SECONDED (Emma Crane) to approve the installation of three parking spaces in the location as described by Mr. Jesseman. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tree-Cutting Request 719 Little Sunapee Road

Rick Anderson sent a memo to the Planning Board saying that he met with lot owner Mike Morgan, who requested the removal of two trees within the waterfront buffer. He found that there were more than enough

trees in the area where the tree in question was. He also found that the trees in question are very close to the home and removal makes sense.

IT WAS MOVED (Michael Doheny) AND SECONDED (Emma Crane) to approve the tree-cutting request as presented for 719 Little Sunapee Road.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Review of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED (Emma Crane) AND SECONDED (Tina Helm) to approve the minutes from April 24, 2012, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The minutes from June 26th could not be approved because there were not enough Planning Board members present who were at the meeting.

Final Draft of the Master Plan Executive Summary

Chair Cottrill said that he implemented the latest revisions to the summary and it is now complete. The only thing left is to ask Linda Jackman to update the town's website to include the Master Plan as one of the main links instead of it being buried in the Planning Board information. Chair Cottrill also wondered if the Site Plan Review Regulations could be put on the main page of the website as he had trouble finding them.

Ms. Crane identified quite a few capital "T"s in the text that should be lower-case. She also asked why the photos used were all of winter scenes. Chair Cottrill said he would check to see if these things could be amended. Ms. Helm said that although this summary may be too abbreviated, no one wants to spend a penny more on it.

Other

Mr. Hollinger asked about the filling of the Planning & Zoning Administrator's position. Ms. Helm said that they received over 60 applications. Ms. Hallquist narrowed it down to 14, and the Board of Selectmen whittled it down further to 9. They interviewed five people the first day and four the following week. Tom Cottrill, Bill Green, Bob Brown, Ms Hallquist and the three Selectmen were there. They have whittled the decision down to two candidates. If everything checks out they would be close to being able to announce the new hire soon.

Ms. Helm thought that they had a nice pool of candidates to choose from. Mr. Hollinger thanked the Select-Board for the work they did to keep the Planning & Zoning Administrator position open. He felt it was important to have this position filled to maintain the quality of what the PB does as a Board.

Prior to the meeting, Ms Hallquist asked if the Inn at Pleasant Lake would need a site plan review for allowing patrons to wander outside during cocktail parties. It was determined by general consensus that if there were no food service orders being taken or tables set outside, then there is no need for a site plan review. The casual offering of hors d'oeuvres would seem to be okay. No vote was taken.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 28th at 7:00pm.

**IT WAS MOVED (Emma Crane) AND SECONDED (Michael Doheny) to adjourn.
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary
Town of New London