

TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD, NH  
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006  
7:00 PM

Present: Davis Peach (Chairman), Wanda McNamara (Selectmen Representative), Valerie Starbuck, Stephen Pro, Bob Del Sesto, Tom North, Scott Coulborn, and Padi Blum (Secretary)

*Peach called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.*

**1. Minutes** – Review of the minutes of February 21, 2006

*Del Sesto motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Starbuck and the motion carried unanimously.*

**2. New Business – Davis Peach:** Peach would like to consider stepping down as the Board Chairman if another board member would be willing to serve as the new Chairperson. Del Sesto noted that he would be willing to serve as Chairman if Peach decides to step aside.

*The Board requested that Peach reconsider and the conversation will be revisited at the next meeting of the Planning Board.*

**3. Donald J. and Amy L. LaFontaine** – Voluntary Notice of Merger (Map 4, Lots B1.5 and B1.4) Poocham Road.

*North motioned to accept and approve the merger. The motion was seconded by Starbuck and the motion carried unanimously. \*Note that Amy LaFontaine will hand-deliver the signed Voluntary Notice of Merger to the NH Registry of Deeds.*

**4. Old Business:**

• **Signatures** –

- Minutes of February 6, 2006 - Board Chair
- Minutes of February 21, 2006 - Board Chair

• **Registration Packet /Spring Planning and Zoning Conference** – Collection of any registration forms to be processed and paid by PB Secretary.

*Conference will be attended by Peach and Blum*

• **Tax Maps** – In response to request from Stephen Pro, one set of 11x14 copies of all Tax Maps (not updated since print date) may be furnished upon request for any Planning Board member specifically requesting them.

*Copies will be furnished for all Planning Board members except Starbuck (did not wish to receive a copy set).*

- **Steep Slopes** – Peach inquired about the status of the Steep Slope committee and where things stood with that project. There was a brief discussion of what had transpired since the last full board discussion. It was decided after research by the committee that steep slope issues such as erosion control and viewscape needed to be addressed by two separate ordinances. The committee was following the path of conservation (erosion control), at this time; the issue of viewscape/scenic beauty would need to be pursued by another committee at another time in order to accomplish an acceptable ordinance for each concern.

*The Planning Board made a declaration of expectations of the Steep Slopes Committee: A full report from the committee on Steep Slopes is expected to be presented by September 1, 2006, with the objective of (the ability to achieve) a motion from the Board to submit an ordinance by December 1, 2006.*

- **Oath/Stephen Pro** – Pro to be sworn in as full board member (formerly an alternate).

*McNamara administered the oath.*

- **Board Issues/Peach** – Peach addressed the Board with concern over the Board’s need to avoid rehashing the same information over and over. It was stated that if a Board member is not in attendance for preliminary discussion and joins in on the discussion at a later date, it is that Board member’s responsibility to review information and pursue answers to any questions he/she may have **prior** to the next meeting. If there is a new and valid concern that has not been properly addressed, it may be presented at the proper point as allowed by regulations. But neither the applicants’ nor the Board’s time should be wasted by revisiting points of information previously considered while the Board is in session.
- **Master Plan** – Peach inquired about the status of the Master Plan. Starbuck told the Board that they will be meeting with Jeff Porter of SWRPC Thursday, and they fully expect that the Master Plan will be completed this year. The last meeting was held in November, 2005 and the committee then took a hiatus and members conducted independent research. The Public Hearing should take place in Spring 2006 with the expectation of completion by September. This is within 1-2 months of the schedule.

## 5. Information

- **State of NH Office of Energy and Planning** – “The Planning Board In New Hampshire” – A Handbook for Local Officials, January 2006 Edition. Free Copy and accompanying letter. Additional copies available for \$5 each, and download available online at <http://www.nh.gov/oep/resourcelibrary/Publications.htm>

*The Planning Board Secretary will order 9 copies of the printed publication.*

- **ARC News** – Winter 2005/2006 Vol. 27 No. 4

*Reviewed and retained in Information file.*

- **Historic Buildings and Property** – Peach discovered a copy of this book pertinent to the history of the Town of Chesterfield.

*Starbuck will forward the book to Neil Jenness.*

## **6. Adjournment -**

*Starbuck motioned to adjourn. Pro seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting of the Planning Board adjourned at 8:28 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Patricia L. Blum*

Secretary

Approved:

                  //s// Davis Peach                    
Davis Peach, Chairman

Date:           March 20, 2006