

Approved

- August 5, 2008** Mason Planning Board
- In attendance:** Dotsie Millbrandt (acting chair), Bruce Mann, Chris Guiry (ex-o), Joe McGuire (alternate)
- Absent:** Mark McDonald (chair), Linda Cotter-Cranston (alternate), Pam Lassen
- Call to order:** 8:00 pm
- Next Meetings:**
- New Business:** Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment to the Planning Ordinance
- Public Hearings:**

This is a public hearing for a proposed amendment to the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance.

The proposed amendment will add the following sentence to the end of Article 5, Paragraph B, Section 4:

“Notwithstanding the frontage and lot area imposed by this section, a lot approved by the Planning Board prior to March 11, 2008 shall be deemed conforming to the minimum lot size and frontage requirements of the GRAF zone.”

Dotsie explains the context for the hearing – specifically the unintended consequences of the town vote. The new ordinance wording is designed to give three acre lots the same conforming status as they had before the amendment passed in March.

The town will vote in a special town meeting on Tuesday, September 9th. There will a primary vote that day as well as a school district vote. These are ballot items that will be voted on during daytime voting hours, between 7 am and 7 pm. There is no evening town meeting.

From the people attending this hearing, there is discussion about zoning and growth. Some spoke about growth and its effect on town resources, such as the school system, and use of natural resources. Others would like to see the March amendment that increased the GRAF zone to a minimum of 4 acres and 350 feet of frontage removed. Chris suggested this would be a great discussion for the Nashua Regional Planning Commission to lead, in the context of getting people to think about what we would like Mason to look like in the future.

No one attending the hearing had any objection to the wording of the amendment.

The board closed the hearing. Dotsie made a motion to accept the amendment as proposed. Bruce seconded. Vote: Joe – aye, Chris – aye, Bruce – aye, Dotsie – aye.

The text of the amendment was placed on the Town Clerk’s desk. The amendment must be presented to the Town Clerk 5 weeks before town meeting, and this is the last day before the 5 week period begins.

Adjourn: Chris makes a motion to adjourn. Bruce seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 8:30.