

Approved

September 30, 2009 Mason Planning Board

In attendance: Mark McDonald, Dotsie Millbrandt, Chris Guiry (ex-o), Linda Cotter-Cranston

Absent: Pam Lassen (chair), Bruce Mann, Joe McGuire (alternate)

Call to order: 8:00 pm

Next Meetings: October 28, 2009

Chair: In Pam's absence, Chris will chair this evening's meeting.

Old Business:

New Flood Plain Maps and Study

Ken Wilson, the Building Inspector, has brought in the latest set of Flood Plain maps. These new maps took effect on September 25, 2009.

New Business:

Conceptual Non-Binding Discussion – Amateur Radio Towers

Nick Ferro, Nutting Hill Road. Nick wants to put up 3 amateur radio towers, 60', 88' and 130'. He states that there will be no commercial use of these towers. All the towers are more than 125% of tower height from the property boundaries. How many amps are the towers consuming? Will it cause RF Interference with neighbors' network or television signals? Nick is willing to work with neighbors if problems arise. The board sees no issues with this proposal and recommends that Nick proceed to take his plans to the Building Inspector.

Workforce Housing Report

Last spring, the planning board commissioned a Workforce Housing Committee to study workforce housing issues and compile a report for the board by September 30, 2009. The committee met through the spring and summer discussing the workforce housing RSAs and how Mason can expand its housing opportunities to be in compliance. Workforce housing committee members Bob Dillberger and Dotsie Millbrandt presented report, which presents the current state of Mason's housing and discusses strategies Mason could adopt to expand its home ownership and rental opportunities.

Linda makes a motion to accept the Workforce Housing report, with a correction to the table where there is an error on the cost of drilling a well. Mark seconds.

Linda makes a motion to continue the workforce housing committee for another year for the purpose of publicizing workforce housing issues and education people about its benefits.

Rob Tower, Specialty Assemblers LLC. Discussion

Specialty Assemblers is a business that supplies specialty graded hay for customers with specific requirements, and other related business activities. 22 years experience. They have a growing southern NH customer base, and want to establish a base of operations in New Hampshire. They are looking to purchase the property on Rt. 124 that formerly the site of the JT Power Equipment store. The proximity of Rt. 31 is a plus.

Business activities at the Mason facility would include selling specialty hay, in grades, store pick up or delivered. Also prepackaged wood shavings for bedding. They are looking for alliances with New Hampshire lumber companies. They are hoping to become a new distributor and dealer for Blue Seal Feeds. Truck traffic: 53' trailer will bring in shavings and 26' box trucks will deliver orders to customer's premises.

The board recommends that Rob come back with a site plan. As it is an existing business site, the site plan will not need a survey or an architectural drawing. The board would like a fairly detailed sketch showing the location of buildings, impervious surfaces, existing and planned outbuildings, fences, and vegetation. Also pertinent would be to show the location of oil or petroleum storage tanks if any exist on the property.

Adjourn: Pam makes a motion to adjourn. Mark seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 9:55.