



## Mason Planning Board

**January 28, 2015**

Approved

### Attending

Mark McDonald (Acting Chair), Louise Lavoie (Ex-O), Dotsie Millbrandt, Lee Ann Currier, Pam Lassen, Camille Pattison (NRPC)

### Absent

Eric Anderson, Linda Cotter-Cranston

### Call to order

7:40 PM

### Next Meeting

February 25, 2015

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### Old Business

The board voted to approve the minutes of January 7, 2015.

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### New Business

The board reviewed proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations. The public hearing is to be held on February 25, 2015.

Questions about a quorum and voting: When taking a vote, is it the majority of a quorum vs. the majority of members that is needed for approval.

Camille has looked into this. Unanimous is best, particularly for board Rules of Procedure, a Master Plan, or a proposed change to regulations. But for applications, members might not all be in agreement.

She reports that Chris Northrup of the NH Office of Energy and Planning says if there is a tie among the persons present, the motion itself fails but not necessarily the subject of the motion. In other words, if there is a motion to approve a subdivision application, and the vote is a tie, the motion does not pass, but the subdivision is neither approved nor

disapproved. A new motion could be made and voted on, or the meeting could be continued to another time when more members are present.

Dotsie presented the progress of the subcommittee looking into the aquifer overlay and lighting ordinance. The committee is looking to prepare ordinances for a late spring special town meeting.

Reviewed the to-do list.

Camille will look at updating the Site Plan and Subdivision Application process flowchart.

Camille brought information about HB 227, a bill regarding taking property by eminent domain on public lands.

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## **Adjourn**

Dotsie makes a motion to adjourn. Pam seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 9:05 PM.