

Approved - September 16, 2009

Water Resource Protection Subcommittee of the Durham Planning Board
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday July 28, 2009
Town Council Chambers, Durham Town Hall
8:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dwight Baldwin, Robin Mower, Brian Gallagher, Jamie Houle, Stephen Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Kelley, Jim Campbell, Dave Cedarholm

1) Call the meeting to order and acknowledge absentees.

Chair Houle called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.

2) Approval of the agenda.

Robin Mower suggested postponing acceptance of the June 16th minutes until the next meeting, when there would be more members present. All members agreed to this suggestion. Chair Houle suggested adding acceptance of the July 14th minutes to item 3). All members agreed to this suggestion.

3) Acceptance of minutes of the July 14th meeting.

Members suggested deleting the first two sentences of the paragraph on page 2, beginning on line 26.

Robin Mower Moved to accept the minutes of July 14th as amended. This was Seconded by Dwight Baldwin and APPROVED unanimously.

4) Review of various materials and findings resulting from investigations by members since the last meeting.

Jamie Houle reviewed with the subcommittee that a subgroup of Dave Cedarholm, Richard Kelley and himself was formed to review stormwater regulations. He explained that the subgroup will first look at site plan and subdivision regulations, recommend updates that are more in line with current stormwater management practices, bring these recommendations to the subcommittee for review and comment and then bring them before the Planning Board. Jamie noted that while the subgroup is working on the stormwater issues the rest of the subcommittee will be looking at what protections Durham has currently and what it is lacking.

Jamie Houle reviewed with members what had been discussed as the tasks of the subcommittee. The members agreed that there are three main tasks to undertake:

- 1) Site plan review regulations and ordinances (subgroup of Houle, Kelley and Cedarholm looking at these)
- 2) Review of state wide protections in existence – a review of what other Towns and the State of NH have in their regulations for protection of water resources versus what Durham has and does not have in their regulations. Determine what is needed and if current regulations are adequate.
- 3) Ensuring that needed supporting language is written into the Master Plan.

The members discussed the matrix sent to them for review by Robin Mower. It was suggested that the five strategies in the PREP document be placed in separate rows with columns associated for each strategy. The first column being “Does this exist in Durham”, the second column being “If Yes, reference where to find it”, the third column being “Is this necessary/important”. The members discussed the difficulty of determining the adequacy of current regulations. It was decided that the strategy matrix would be worked on by a subgroup of Robin Mower and Stephen Roberts. The subcommittee as a whole can begin the conversation/debate if the strategy is present and/or adequate in Durham regulations at the next subcommittee meeting with the aid of the matrix. This subgroup of Robin Mower and Stephen Roberts will also review the five strategies with regard to if they are present in Durham regulations.

Brian Gallagher noted that the strategy headings need to be defined – he suggested that while seeking out information on these definitions members may come across State models and/or references to other town’s regulations. The members agreed that Brian Gallagher and Dwight Baldwin will pursue the task of looking at the five strategies with regard to their definition and what regulations other towns/cities currently have and any State regulations that may pertain to the strategies.

All subgroups will work on their assigned tasks and report to the subcommittee at the next meeting.

5) Other Business

a) Discussion of next steps and assignments.

Subgroups will meet and work toward their individual goals and report back to the whole subcommittee.

b) Confirmation of date of next meeting.

A tentative date of mid September (week of 14th or 21st) was discussed. As subgroups meet and report to the whole a decision will be made and posted on the next meeting date.

6) Administrative

None at this time.

7) Adjournment

The July 28th, 2009 meeting of the Source Water Protection Subcommittee of the Durham Planning Board adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectively submitted by,

Sue Lucius, Secretary to the Water Resource Protection Subcommittee of the Durham Planning Board