

Hampton Falls Planning Board

Ordinance & Regulations Review Committee

Feb 8, 2012

Minutes: DRAFT

Meeting called to order at 7:35 am. Attendance: B.Mutrie, T.Franciosa, S.Volpone, D.Smith; C.Brown ; K.Kelly

Minutes from Jan 11 meeting approved with one minor change. Motion to approve as amended by B.Mutrie and 2nd by C.Brown. Vote: 4-0.

Livestock Ordinance:

Following discussion of Agricultural Animals ordinance, it was agree that proposed ordinance would read as follows:

AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS

Agricultural animals, as defined by this ordinance, require minimum facilities and care as defined herein.

Animal buildings, keeping areas and waste material storage areas shall be a minimum of 50' from all property lines, 75' from private water wells, and 100' from surface water bodies and wetland areas. Grazing areas are not subject to these setbacks.

Siting and operation shall be subject to the application of the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food Manual of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Agriculture in New Hampshire, dated April 2002, as amended.

All applicable NH statutes related to agricultural animals shall apply.

Agricultural Animals - The grazing, care, or keeping of personal or commercial agricultural animals including, by example, livestock, poultry, dairy & beef cattle, deer, bison, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, mules, goats, llamas; as well as animals traditionally raised for fur.

Motion to proceed with above ordinance by B.Mutrie; 2nd by T.Franciosa. Voted 4-0.

D.Smith instructed to coordinate with K.Kelly on particulars of ordinance placement and bring to March committee meeting for final review.

Commercial Zone/Village Area:

Discussions continued from previous meetings re: various boundaries of village/downtown district. Seabrook's Smithtown Village concept was offered by D.Smith as an example of how a town might flesh out their visions for future commercial friendly zoning. D.Smith reiterated the

importance of soliciting public comment/feedback on any future "village" zoning. D.Smith agreed to add more detail to maps to include data on soils, acreage, map/ lot designations and identification of conservation lands.

Water and Sewer:

Discussion followed on status of conversations/negotiations with Seabrook BOS re: bringing sewage lines up Route 1 into Hampton Falls. It was generally agreed that, depending on HF's willingness to absorb costs associated with such a move and, Seabrook was amenable to continuing talks. It was also agreed that it was unclear whether our own BOS was fully committed to proceeding and that future efforts would need to be made to clarify the direction HF was prepared to pursue. But before proceeding with such efforts, D.Smith suggested that the committee do some "homework" on what other towns in similar situations are doing. He mentioned Greenland [contact: Bob Cushman, Building Inspector] and Portsmouth; and Stratham and Exeter collaborations for us to look at.

Next Meeting: March 7 at 7:30 am at Town Hall. Motion to Adjourn at 9:00 am by A.Franciosa; 2nd by C.Brown. Voted 4-0.

Submitted by S.Volpone, secretary