

TOWN OF THORNTON PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
Meeting Date: January 15, 2009

The Thornton Planning Board met and held a public hearing on
Thursday, January 15, 2009, 6:00PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Board Members present:

Barry Van DeMoere, Chairman, Beverly MacIntosh, Tyler Phillips, Russell Gilman, Bart Dutto, Carolyn Piantedosi, Frank Freeman, Alternate, Charles Bourret, Alternate and Marianne Peabody, Secretary.

Public present: Jim Demerett

Regular Business:

The minutes of the December 2008 planning board hearing were reviewed and approved as written. VOTED 7-0.

At 6:10PM Chairman Van DeMoere opened the proposed Thornton Zoning Ordinance Amendments public hearing.

Thornton Zoning Ordinance
Proposed Amendments
1st Hearing

Chairman Van DeMoere read the proposed (5) amendments.

Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board.

Article V Permitted Uses in Various Zones

A. Rural Residence Zone

Add. #15 Small Wind Energy Systems

Amendment #2 As proposed by the Planning Board.

B. General Residence Zone

Add. #5. Small Wind Energy Systems

Amendment #3. As proposed by the Planning Board.

C. Recreational Zones East & West

Add. # i. Small Wind Energy Systems

Amendment #4. As proposed by the Planning Board

D. Commercial Zone

Add. #3. Small Wind Energy Systems

Amendment #5. As proposed by the Planning Board

E. Industrial Zones 1 & 11

Add #8. Small Wind Energy Systems

Conversation centered on the procedure to present these amendments to the public.
The State of NH is mandating that all towns allow the installation of wind energy systems.

After the permitted use of wind energy systems is allowed in any one zone regulations will be adopted by the planning board at a regular scheduled hearing in April. The Board agreed that if they presented to the people only Amendment #1. Permitted Uses in Various Zones, Small Wind Energy Systems then small wind energy systems would be allowed in every zone. By listing all the zones the registered voters are able to voice their opinion on each zone.

Information relating to this use will be posted in the hallway of the Town Hall and on the Town's Website or by contacting the planning dept at the Town Hall 726-8168.

A motion was made and seconded to submit the five zoning ordinance amendments to the Town Clerk for preparation of the annual town meeting ballot in an attempt to comply with RSA 674:62-66. VOTED 7-0.

Chairman VanDeMoere closed this hearing at 7:45 PM.

**Old Saw Mill Properties – Consultation Review, Formal Consideration
Cancelled – Will post for February**

Mildrex Inc. – Upper Mad River Rd – (2) Lot Subdivision Consultation Review, Formal Consideration, Conditional Approval, Final

Other Business

Highland Pointe – Board Member Tyler Phillips stepped off the Board. A letter written by Mr. Dematteo property owner of Lot 12 in the Highland Pointe Subdivision, was submitted to the Board relative to the development not being completed. Mr. Dematteo is planning on beginning construction early spring of this year and to date there is no live electricity to the development. According to NH Electric Co-operative the cost associated with supplying the development with power is \$36,000.00. There is also a concern with the required guard rails not being put up. Chairman Van DeMoere will be drafting a letter to the Developer Jim Powers regarding this matter.

Board Members discussed the non-conforming lot owned by Denise M Smith PID #10-02-08. This lot is at the entrance of the Old Saw Mill Properties Subdivision. The accessing records for this parcel reflect the fact that the building is not sitting on an acre, and the setbacks have not been determined.

Planning Board Member terms. There are three planning board members terms expiring this year. Tyler Philips (3) years, Sandy MacIntosh (3) years and the remaining term of retiring Board Member Tom Anderson. When Tom Anderson retired the Planning Board appointed Carolyn Piantedosi to complete Tom's year. Tom's remaining term is (2) years and Carolyn Piantedosi will be placing her name on the ballot to complete that term.

This hearing adjourned at 8:45PM

Next scheduled hearing will be held on, Thursday, February 19, 2009 @ 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marianne Peabody
Secretary

