



**Meeting Minutes  
Work Session  
North Hampton Planning Board  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Town Hall, 231 Atlantic Avenue**

These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this meeting, not as a transcription.

**In attendance:** Tim Harned, Chair; Nancy Monaghan, Vice Chair; Members Phil Wilson, Dan Derby, Josh Jeffrey, and Jim Maggiore, Select Board Representative; Jennifer Rowden, RPC Circuit Rider; and Rick Milner, Recording Secretary.

Vice Chair Monaghan called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**I. New Business**

**1. Committee Updates**

No reports.

**II. Other Business**

**1. Town of North Hampton, NH** review of proposed Storm Water Management regulations.

Ms. Rowden continued her presentation from the Fall 2016 meetings regarding proposed storm water management regulations intended to enhance the regulations already contained within the Town of North Hampton Site Plan Regulations. Ms. Rowden stated that the current regulations effectively address new development. The proposed regulations would better address changes in or expansion of existing development. She suggested that, if the Planning Board chose to adopt the regulations, the regulations be adopted as site plan regulations, not a zoning ordinance.

Ms. Rowden stated the following goals of stormwater management standards:

- a. create ways to drain stormwater through the best filtration elements in order to eliminate as much pollutants as possible from stormwater run-off
- b. mitigate flooding issues

Ms. Rowden further stated that enhanced stormwater management regulations would aid the Town by minimizing the amount of stormwater run-off from construction sites flooding or polluting abutting and Town properties. As a result of this effort, the Town's liability for flooding or pollution caused by allowed construction would be mitigated.

Ms. Rowden presented a NHDES Storm Water Manual which detailed site construction design criteria and post-construction best management practices intended to provide the best ways to efficiently manage storm water flow and ground infiltration. Ms. Rowden continued her review of the proposed site plan regulations language derived from the Southeast Watershed Alliance storm water model ordinance.

Ms. Rowden suggested that the Board consider establishing a minimum threshold for the amount of disturbed area which would trigger the application of the stormwater management regulations for a particular construction project. She also suggested that the threshold could be lowered for projects which occur within the Aquifer Protection District.

Ms. Rowden further suggested that the Board consider changing the reference document noted in the site plan regulations used to calculate the parameters of a major storm event. The site plan regulations currently reference a document which uses rainfall data compiled between 1930 and 1960. The amount of average rainfall has increased significantly in recent years. A document which references more recent rainfall data will provide more appropriate parameters to establish effective stormwater management practices.

Mr. Harned suggested that the percentage of the lot coverage which includes a disturbed area or impervious surface also be considered when determining a triggering threshold. Development on smaller lots would then be effectively managed.

Mr. Wilson suggested that the Planning Board could adopt the design criteria and standards of the NHDES Storm Water Manual within the stormwater management regulations and apply stricter standards on a case by case basis as deemed necessary by the Board.

## **2. Town of North Hampton, NH review of RPC Regional Transportation Projects and Priorities.**

Mr. Harned presented correspondence from the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) regarding the regular update of regional transportation projects to include in the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Ten Year Plan for prioritizing regional transportation issues and the Long Range Transportation Plan for goals to accomplish in the next 20 years.

Mr. Wilson suggested that improvements to the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Route 1 should be proposed.

Mr. Derby suggested that the Planning Board receive data regarding the amount and location of accidents within North Hampton from the Police Department. The Board should also ask the Police Department for input regarding what it considers transportation improvement priorities based on its experience.

The Board came to a consensus without objection that Board members will present suggested transportation project priorities for consideration at the February 7, 2017 meeting.

## **3. Minutes.**

Ms. Monaghan presented the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Planning Board meeting.

**Mr. Harned moved that the Planning Board accept the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting as written. Second by Mr. Wilson. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (6-0).**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm without objection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Milner  
Recording Secretary