

**TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY May 27, 2010**

**PRESENT** – Greg Tillman, Mike Morasco, Steve Colby, Dave Crowell; Selectmen’s Representative Karen Falcone; Alternate Dave Reinhold; Planner Brittany Howard.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Tillman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Two Lot Subdivision

**Developer/Owner:** Sam Weaver & Beth Harvey

**Location:** 220 Nottingham Square Road **Tax Map 002 – Lot 010**

Abutter present: Peter Maroney.

Dan Weaver, Beth Harvey and John Prohopek came before the Board. Prohopek explained this is a court ordered subdivision.

Selectman Falcone explained this is a petition to partition.

Morasco moved, Colby seconded the motion to accept the plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Harvey explained this is family land and stated she has not seen the plan. Howard explained the Court document was signed by both parties.

Chairman Tillman explained to Harvey that as an applicant she can withdraw the application and continue to the next meeting. Harvey agreed to go with the plan before the Board.

Morasco noted the plan is before the board and if it isn’t what was worked out with the court, and concurred with Chairman Tillman.

Prohopek explained to Harvey he added notes and abutters to the plan, other than that they are the same plan.

Abutter Peter Maroney stated he wanted to make sure that his property lines were all the same and he was being charged the right amount for taxes. He Board informed him his property was not effected.

Moved, seconded the motion to approve the plan. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mylar and LUPF were duly signed.

**DISCUSSION** - Rob Graham and Joe Coronati came before the Board. Graham explained he will have an application before the Board at the next meeting on the workforce housing project abutting the WalMart/Lowe’s property.

**DISCUSSION:** SigSauer

**Location:** Exeter Road, **Map 038 – Lot 003**

Attorney Steve Shawver representing SigSauer came before the board. Selectman Falcone and Howard explained the reason for the discussion is due to phone calls from abutters with complaints of off hour shooting. Selectman

Falcone explained she has encouraged the residents to call the police to document.

Morasco asked if there are any documented calls. Howard noted the phone call complaints was Sig Sauer was shooting on Sunday morning May 3 at 2:00 am, 4:00am, and 6:00am from a resident in Brentwood.

Crowell explained the problem is not the small handgun, it's the .50 caliber that sounds like a jackhammer.

Attorney Shawver stated if there was more data would help understand what is going on and the issue could be addressed.

Jeff Harris stated he lives approximately half mile from Sig and it sounds like a pile driver. He noted he has no ability to do anything outside his house until 6pm. He stated he believes the .50 caliber is new and can see no provisions that take care of the noise. He stated he has been at the SAU and can just imagine what it's like to live across the street from the site. He stated he has talked with the planner, the police department and stated the only thing he sees he could do is have Sig arrested for disturbing the peace. Harris stated there is some grey areas between the Town and town ordinances and whatever arrangements the Board has made with Sig on their operation. Harris stated the sound barriers are not working and as a tax payer of the town deserves to have some peace and quiet.

Morasco asked Howard if in the plans from the past are any provisions of the caliber of weapon. Howard stated she believes its .45 caliber.

Selectman Falcone stated the confusion is there are certain ranges that have have certain times and it's hard to verify what range is being shot at, at what time.

Chairman Tillman asked where the .50 caliber. Attorney Shawver stated in the back range.

Chairman Tillman suggested a site walk as all the Board was not involved with the arrangement, the board needs to see all the ranges and have the times in hand. The Board agreed.

Chairman Tillman as the attorney how long they've been working with the .50 caliber. Attorney Shawver stated on and off over a number of years; more intensely over the past year.

Morasco asked if that is a machine gun. Attorney Shawver stated it is.

Chairman Tillman reiterated that the residents call the police so it can be documented. Chairman Tillman explained the Board's authority is very limited; explaining there needs to be more documentation of when Sig is firing. He noted he is very sympathetic to the abutters and it is always better to keep the abutters happy. Chairman Tillman directed the planner to find mechanisms for monitoring the noise, and to have a representative from the police department available for the next meeting on this topic.

Morasco asked Attorney Shawver if they could keep the shooting of the .50 caliber down. Shawver stated they have kept it down and will continue to do so.

**DISCUSSION:** John Grenier

Grenier did not show for the meeting. Howard explained this is a discussion that was before the board in 2006 to do a landscape on Grenier's property, which was to take four to six months and is still ongoing. Howard explained there is a threshold of 1,000 cubic yards and feels any type of landscaping that comes before the board needs to be monitored more than it has been in the past.

**PLANNING BOARD FEES** -- Howard explained she compared the fees of five surrounding towns and came up with new fees after doing an average of those five towns. She stated she met with the accountant the application fees and not escrow fees are easier to deal with, in regards to site plan and subdivision applications. Howard explained there is an addition and that is the L-Chip fee required by the Registry of Deeds.

Howard explained she found an old fee schedule from 1990 and what is submitted to the Board is how the Town charged application fees. Morasco suggested that Howard check with Clay to see if there's a reason that was changed.

Howard explained some of the escrow account balances can be closed and any remaining money will be given back.

Chairman Tillman directed Howard to look how the Town will bill the escrow account.

Selectman Falcone moved, Chairman Tillman seconded the motion to accept the changes to the fee schedule and to add any planner time and expenses over and above added in. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES OF 03/25/10 FOR APPROVAL** – Selectman Falcone moved, Morasco seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES OF 04/22/10 FOR APPROVAL** – The minutes of 4/22/10 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**SIGNATURE OF APPOINTMENT SLIP – RE: DAVE REINHOLD** -- The appointment slip for Dave Reinhold was duly signed.

**INFO FROM TOWN PLANNER ON CODE ISSUES** – Howard submitted an update on code issues in town for the Board to review.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Selectman Falcone moved, Morasco seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Transcribed from notes taken by Brittany Howard, Town Planner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis McDonough

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