Tilton Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2014

Agenda
6:30 PM Call to order.

PB Case 14-14 Continuation for Site Plan Review proposal to add an indoor fitness center to the upper level of the facility and expand hours of operation from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM at 100 Autumn Drive in the Rural Agricultural District (R6/10-2)

Planning Board Workshop:
• Wetlands Conservation District forestry regulations review
• Overview of land use website
• Discussion of Zoning amendments

Other Business:
• Review the September 9, 2014 minutes
• Correspondence
• Other Business

Members Present:
Jane Alden (Chair), Judy Tilton (Vice chair) Juliette Harvey, Katherine Dawson (Ex-Officio Selectman), Eric Pyra and Christine Dembitzky

Others Present:
Jasen Stock (Executive Director, NH Timberland Owners Association) and Dari Sassan (Planning Board Staff)

Call to Order
Chairman Alden called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

PB Case 14-14
Mr. Pyra recused himself for PB Case 14-14.

Mr. Pyra requested that the case be continued to the October 14, 2014 meeting.

MOVED by Ms. Harvey to accept the applicant's request to continue deliberation of PB Case 14-14 to the October 14, 2014 Planning Board Meeting. SECONDED by Ms. Tilton.

All in favor, none opposed: MOTION APPROVED.

Planning Board Workshop
Mr. Stock introduced himself as Director of the NH Timberland Owners Association. He explained that his organization supported legislation that resulted in an escalation of punitive measures against
loggers who repeatedly violate timber harvest laws. Mr. Stock said that his organization also supported an amendment to NH RSA 674:1, VI that limited Planning Board jurisdiction over timber harvesting operations to instances where subdivision or site plan review is involved. He presented a court ruling from Rockingham County that substantiated an argument suggesting that the Town's requirement that a logger secure a conditional use permit from the Planning Board is illegal.

Mr. Stock suggested the following ways that the Town's wetlands ordinance could be improved:

- Revise the fifth entry of the Table of Uses for the Wetland Conservation District to read "tree farming, logging and agriculture using applicable best management practices," and maintain that entry as a permitted use.
- Remove Section 14.4.5 because it is unclear and it is already covered if BMPs are followed.
- Remove any requirement that logging operations be required to obtain a conditional use permit.

Other Business
Review the September 9, 2014 minutes
Corrections to the September 9, 2014 minutes were provided by Board members.

MOVED by Chairman Alden to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 Planning Board meeting as amended. SECONDED by Mr. Pyra.

All in favor, none opposed: MOTION APPROVED (Tilton abstained).

Planning Board Correspondence
Chairman Alden said that there were no correspondence for review.

MOVED by Chairman Alden to adjourn this meeting. SECONDED by Ms. Dembitzky.

All in favor, none opposed: MOTION APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.