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John Matthews, Chair
Judge Robert Howarth
Phillip Schneider
Mark Casey
M. Paige Gore
Associate Member: Richard R. Green

MINUTES OF THE HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD **Wednesday, January 28, 2015** **Regular Meeting**

Approved 2/11/15

In Attendance: John Matthews, Chairman
Judge Robert Howarth
Phillip Schneider
Mark Casey
M. Paige Gore
Staff: Joanne Fiore, Adm. Assistant

General:

Call to Order – John Matthews, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Mail –

Bills – Payroll signed.

Approval of Minutes –

Others Present: Theresa and Paul Bechard, Steven Carabetta; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Bean.

1. 308 Somers Road – Discussion with Steve Carabetta Regarding Special Permit for Earth Removal -

Steven Carabetta came to the Planning Board to continue his gravel removal on Somers Road. To date, there has been approximately 6,000 yards removed. The goal is to remove approximately 40 thousand yards and would like to continue at the current pace. There was a complaint, and it has been resolved. The Board was asked if they had either questions or complaints, showing none. Robert Howarth made a motion to approve the continuation of the gravel removal on Somers Road. M. Paige Gore seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor were John Matthews; Judge Robert Howarth; M. Paige Gore; Phillip Schneider and David Casey.

2. 240 East Longmeadow Road – Discussion Pertaining to Livestock on Property - : Matthew Bean came to the Board requesting permission to have livestock on his property. He is planning to raise pigs, four mothers and one boar. The plan is to use the livestock for slaughtering; meat for personal use not for sale. The slaughtering will be done at a slaughter house not on premises. There will be no formal barn; the pigs will have pen huts very crude structures. The feed will be contained in 55 gallon tubs. John Matthews found no problem the livestock but warned Bean to be respectful of neighbors.

3. Scantic Meadows – 9th Amendment to Development Agreement: Mr. Speight did not attend the meeting.

4. Changes/Additions to Zoning Bylaws

Definition: Restaurant and /or Banquet Facility: The last sentence was approved.

Solar: The back lot line can be cut back to 25'; any solar plans under 3500 square feet would have to go to Zoning Board of Appeals for approval. Anything over 3500 square feet the planning Board can approve. They would need a variance to reduce the side setback. Mark Casey would like to add the words except for

deduction of setback. A motion was made by Robert Howarth to add the words except for reduction in setbacks, seconded by Philip Schneider.

Vote: In favor, Mark Casey. Opposed: John Matthews, M. Paige Gore, Robert Howarth and Phillip Schneider.

The board will maintain the setbacks except for the rear setback which can be cut to 25'.

A motion was made by Robert Howarth to except the bylaw as written. M. Paige Gore seconded the motion.

Vote: In favor John Matthews, M. Paige Gore, Robert Howarth and Phillip. Opposed: Mark Casey
Bylaws to be worked on: Veterinarian, Golf and Wind power.

Issues to discuss:

LED sign for Bethlehem Baptist Church. The Building Commissioner had a permit submitted for an LED sign for the Bethlehem Baptist Church had it was denied.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by

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