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**HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2011
Town House**

Approved 5/25/11

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present – Neil Flynn, Chairman; Charlie Dolben, John Matthews, James Quackenbush
Robert Howarth - Absent

Guests - Gary Mayotte, Art Booth, Charlie Wood, Ken White all of the VFW of U.S., Inc., Post 9397; Donald Frydryk of Sherman and Frydryk Land Surveying and Engineering; Mrs. Patricia Pawlowicz; Mary Lou Black of Walt's Auto Body; Fred Pafumi

Minutes - The minutes from the April 13th regular meeting were reviewed. Mr. Dolben made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mr. Matthews seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor so voted.

James Quackenbush – The Planning Board welcomed James Quackenbush to the Board and look forward to working with him.

Village Food Mart – Gary Mayotte - Mr. Mayotte addressed the board to request approval to put (3) tables in front on the Village Food Mart. He provided a plan reflecting where he would like to place the tables. He indicated there is about 10 feet from the front of the building to the curbs. He will put the tables inside the building each night and will provide garbage pails outside. John Matthews indicated that the curbs may not be sufficient to protect customers from cars that could possible drive into the area. The Board suggested either two feet concrete curbs or sonotubes filled with concrete and painted bright yellow be placed in front of the area where the tables will be placed. Mr. Mayotte indicated that bathroom facilities are available to his customers. Neil Flynn made a motion to approve the proposal. John seconded the motion. All in favor so voted.

Audit/Site Plan Review of Main Street Businesses

VFW of U.S. Inc., Post 9397 – Art Booth, Sr. Vice Commander; Charlie Wood, Commander; and Ken White, Commander Elect attended the meeting to provide requested information for the VFW. Mr. Booth provided a site plan.

Hours of Operation – Sunday thru Saturday – Open at noon; Close at midnight or earlier depending on number of people there. The site is always supervised.

VFW of U.S. Inc., Post 9397 (Cont'd)

Parking – about 50 spaces

Activities – Friday Night Steamers – This occurs from May through September. It starts at 4:30 and runs until they are out of steamers. All permits have been processed.

Turkey Shoot – This starts the first week in September and runs through the Last Sunday before Thanksgiving. It starts about 1 p.m. and ends about 5 p.m. (depends on Daylight Savings Time – may end at 3:30 p.m. in October).

Fishing Derby – This is a fund raiser.

Pavilion Rental – All music ends at 11 p.m. Permit has been processed.

Mr. Booth will make adjustments to the plan and resubmit reflecting access in and out of the VFW, driveways, deck, pavilion, bridge, storage, etc.

Walt's Auto Body – Mrs. Black attended the meeting to provide requested information as owner/landlord for the businesses located at 204 Main Street. Mrs. Black provided a site plan reflecting building and parking. She indicated that Walt is very conscious of his surroundings and does everything to protect it. All materials are properly disposed of.

Hours of Operation - Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Bill's Auto Repair (tenant) – Repair of automobiles

Hours of Operation – Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Parking – No problems as he has about (3) clients/day
Waste Materials – They are collected and properly taken away.
Permits – Permit has been processed.

Merrill's Repair LLP (tenant) – Repair of Farm, lawn, and construction equipment

Hours of Operation – Night and Saturdays depending on work load

East Longmeadow Road – Request for a Common Driveway – Stanley V. and Patricia A. Pawlowicz have applied for a Special Permit for a proposed common driveway access easement for two single family lots. Mrs. Pawlowicz and Mr. Donald Frydryk of Sherman and Frydryk Land Surveying and Engineering addressed the board for this request. Mrs. Pawlowicz indicated that the Conservation Commission hearing is set for May 18, 2011. The Board reviewed the plans and various issues were discussed pertaining to setbacks, width, type of driveway (gravel), alternate emergency entrance, and location of driveway from corner of existing house. John Matthews indicated that since this driveway is going over an existing septic system, the cover to the septic system must be accessible. This is an item that must be included in the maintenance agreement along with reference to snow removal and other issues. A copy of a sample maintenance agreement will be provided to Mrs. Pawlowicz for her reference. The board has set the Public Hearing for June 22, 2011.

National Grid – May 5 Meeting – John Matthews attended this meeting and gave an update to the Board. John indicated to National Grid to set up an appointment with the Board for a Site Plan Review. He indicated that National Grid is making changes and improvements to their power lines and relocation of substation to Allen Street. They are also putting up a new switching station. National Grid presented the driveway layout and design which will be used to transport the transformers.

329 Chapin Road – Fred Pafumi – Mr. Pafumi addressed the board to request approval for a proposed addition to his existing barn. Mr. Pafumi collects old cars and needs additional space to house them. This addition will be a steel building. Due to the size of the building and its location in the Ridgeline/Hillside area, the Board indicated that Mr. Pafumi must apply for a Special Permit/Public Hearing and the Ridgeline and Hillside Review.

Mail - Reviewed.

Mr. Flynn made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Matthews seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor so adjourned.

Submitted by: Joanne Fiore, Clerk