

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

There were no new subdivision plans submitted to the Planning Board in 2005. The Board administered two active subdivisions approved in 2004, Scantic Meadows, which is under construction, and Shadow Wood, which has not yet begun construction. The Board did review and present for Town Meeting approval two PURDs (developments aimed at housing for residents over the age of 55). The plans for one of these, Tall Pines, came before the Board for review in 2005. In addition, the Board reviewed and approved a number of Special Permits for large lots and shared driveway developments.

The Board proposed a change to the Zoning By-Law approved at Town Meeting limiting the number of abutting Large Lots to two. The Board felt that the change clarified the use of Large Lots as being an alternative to Subdivisions.

Finally, the Town received a grant from the State under its Smart Growth program. The Smart Growth subcommittee was formed with a broad cross-section of citizens to study some alternatives to managing growth and their recommendations are expected in the near future.

The Planning Board holds regular meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Melville Room of the Town Hall. Please contact us at 566-2403, or email at [planning@hampden.org](mailto:planning@hampden.org).

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