

CENTER HARBOR PLANNING BOARD
Tuesday, August 19, 2008

The meeting of the Center Harbor Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Lee Mattson. Those present were: Charley Hanson, Barbara Lauterbach, Chuck Burns, Dari Sassan, and clerk Sheila Mohan.

I. Minutes. The Minutes of August 5, 2008 were approved with the correction of 2 typos.

II. Construction Permits. The Board reviewed the following applications:
John and Janet Kimball
Bradford and Estelle Chase

III. Discussion of Outdoor Illumination Ordinance. Bernie Volz has drafted a lighting ordinance using an ordinance that is in place in Gloucester Massachusetts. The idea of the ordinance is to control lighting. Mr. Volz explained that the ordinance would preserve the character of the town and the night sky and stresses lighting be kept in the area it's intended for. Chuck Burns asked Mr. Volz how long it has been in existence in Gloucester and how it was received by the people. Mr. Volz answered that it has been in place about two years and that it was received very well. Charley Hanson asked why we would need this regulation. Lee Mattson answered that it seems in Center Harbor 2008 we don't need this, but if we don't have an ordinance there is no way to regulate what might be done. Chuck Burns feels that site plan review addresses this issue. Dari Sassan feels that it makes sense to be proactive. Lee Mattson said that he would like the Board to save the draft ordinance to review again at a later date; with everything that the Board has to do with the update of the Master Plan Mr. Mattson does not think that the Board would be able to get an ordinance ready for Town Meeting.

IV. Other Business. A representative for the Lakes Region Conservation Trust has asked for the definition of "Public Use and Buildings". There is no definition in our ordinance. The Trust is proposing to purchase TML #6-71 and use this property as office space. The Board feels that the proposed use, an office for a tax exempt group, does not appear to fit under the Agricultural/Rural list for Special Exceptions. Sheila Mohan will call the Municipal Association to see if the State RSAs address this use.

V. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M.

Submitted by,

Barbara Lauterbach