

**Town of Northwood
Planning Board
May 9, 2013**

Chairman Robert Strobel calls the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Strobel, Vice-Chairman Tim Jandebeur, Joseph McCaffrey, Lee Baldwin, Lucy Edwards, Alternate Adam Sprague, and Board Secretary Lisa Fellows-Weaver. *Board Administrator Linda Smith arrives at 6:40 p.m. Richard Wolf arrives at 7:00 p.m. Alternate Victoria Parmele arrives at 7:04.*

VOTING DESIGNATION: Bob Strobel, Tim Jandebeur, Joe McCaffrey, Lee Baldwin, Lucy Edwards, and Alternate Adam Sprague.

ABSENT:
Selectmen's Representative Scott Bryer

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Mr. Jandebeur makes a motion, second by Mr. McCaffrey, to approve the minutes of April 25, 2013, as written. Motion passes unanimously; 6/0.

Technical Review of New Cases

Case 13-02: NeXtGeN Northwood, Pastor Kimo and Kristin Baker; 166 First NH Turnpike; Map 234/Lot 3. Applicant seeks minimal impact site plan review to add a "Street Fair" on Thursdays from May to October on church property. *(Property currently owned by First Baptist Church)*

Applicant Kristin Baker is present. Ms. Weaver states that the application has been signed by the applicants. She adds that Ms. Baker has provided updated plans along with responses to the planner's review comments. No additional comments are provided and no further discussion is held.

Case 13-03: Jessica Belair and Robert Graves III, 997 First NH Turnpike, Map 217/Lot 11. Applicants seek site plan review for expansion of retail use from 4 days to 7 days a week with increased hours and to expand parking area from 1,350 sq. ft. to 3,300 sq. ft.

Ms. Weaver states that no new information has been received to this date. The board reviews the materials and no discussion is held.

Board Administrator Linda Smith arrives at 6:40.

Master Plan Update Transportation Discussion
No public is present.

Rick Wolf arrives at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Sprague and Mr. McCaffrey present a PowerPoint presentation relative to transportation. Mr. McCaffrey explains that Northwood has many connecting roads and is a high commuter town with the bulk of the traffic traveling on Rte. 4 from Concord to the seacoast. He explains various slides which show aerial photography, travel times, and

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commuting travel. Mr. McCaffrey explains that 90 % of the commutes are over ½ hour, and that the majority of the transportation through Northwood is by car.

Alternate Victoria Parmele arrives at 7:04 p.m.

Additional discussion is held regarding safety. Mr. McCaffrey describes one slide depicting the fatality statistics for Northwood. He states that areas of interest that should be considered for safety are intersections, residents' ease of entry via access points, commercial traffic, and commuting traffic.

Mr. McCaffrey states that there have been many requests made to NHDOT to improve Rte. 4. He states that better designed roadways are a reasonable solution and would incorporate safety issues and the traffic flow. Mr. McCaffrey suggests creative thinking and further discussion is held regarding bus service and Ready Rides, which is a service offering transportation that is sponsored by area churches.

Ms. Parmele states that there have been many discussions at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings, and she will take back recommendations. She states that she will also provide information relative to the corridor study for Northwood, which is now on the NHDOT *10 year list as a potential project.*

Additional discussion is held specific to the Rte.4/Rte. 152 intersection and the need for improvements. Mr. Wolf states that there is a meeting coming up within the next few weeks with NHDOT. Board members express interest in being notified of the NHDOT meeting. Mr. Wolf adds that he believes that there is some funding available for these improvements. Consensus is that Northwood and Nottingham need to be in agreement relative to any improvements. Further discussion is held regarding the dangers of the intersection, particularly taking a left turn onto Cooper Hill Road, heading east. Mr. Strobel states that the Highway Advisory Committee has been concerned about the Cooper Hill intersection.

Mr. Wolf mentions the intersection at Bow Lake Road and the CBNA access road. He states that he believes that although this road was not originally well accepted, it has worked out well. Mr. Jandebour expresses concerns about the Rte. 43 intersection and the drivers who push their way into the other lane.

Lengthy discussion ensues regarding the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, NH DOT and long term transportation planning.

Mr. McCaffrey makes a motion, second by Mr. Wolf, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Fellows-Weaver
Board Secretary