Webster Planning Board Minutes - Meeting of January 15, 2009

Present: Chairman Cliff Broker; selectman member David Klumb, members Jere Buckley (Secretary), Richard Doucette, and Alan Hofmann; and alternate Sue Rauth. Also present: Planning and Zoning Secretary Mary Smith.

Chairman Broker convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance was taken, with the results noted above.

The Board reviewed the minutes of their 15 January meeting. Upon motion made by Mr. Doucette and seconded by Mr. Hofmann, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the December minutes as written.

There were on items on the published agenda.

Subsequent to the Board's January meeting, it was confirmed that authority to conduct site plan reviews on multi-family housing had been granted to the Board by the 1989 Town Meeting, making unnecessary any request for such authority at the 2009 Town Meeting. However, since the Board had not explicitly voted on making the needed revisions to the site plan review regulations, it was agreed that such revisions will be the subject of a public hearing in conjunction with the Board's March meeting.

Alternate member Rauth updated the Board on inputs from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) re the new workforce housing law. She reported that the Municipal and City Government Committee has voted to delay the effective date of that law by 6 months, to January of 2010, and that House and Senate votes on that deferral are pending. There is continuing controversy on the law, concerns that it is vague and hard to administer, and widespread opinion that many municipalities are not yet prepared to cope with it. The Board, concerned about the potential impact on our zoning regulations, opted to continue a "wait and see" policy. Ms. Rauth will continue to stay in touch with the CNHRPC on the subject.

Upon motion made by Mr. Doucette, seconded by Mr. Hofmann, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be on 19 March at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jere D. Buckley, Secretary