

**Town of Goshen
Planning Board
Minutes of January 9, 2014**

Members Present: Doug O'Clair, Chair; Alicea Bursey; Allen Howe

Chair O'Clair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and appointed Mr. Howe as a voting member for tonight's meeting.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of November 21, 2013.

Mr. Howe made a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2013 as written. Ms. Bursey seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 12, 2013.

Mr. Howe stated that he had some minor changes, but nothing that would affect the content of the meeting minutes as written.

Ms. Bursey pointed that the use of the word "overlay" was inappropriate when referring to the Recreational District. The Recreational District is not intended to be an overlay, but a whole separate district with unique criteria. Other than that and a few grammatical errors, there was nothing that would affect the content of the meeting minutes as written.

Ms. Bursey made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2013 as written. Mr. Howe seconded the motion. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair O'Clair advised the Board that he received a phone call from a reporter for the Manchester Union Leader regarding the proposed Recreational District. Apparently a resident called the paper requesting coverage of the hearing. Some residents are nervous about the proposed regulation, thinking that it is a means to ease the burden regulation off the applicant. In actuality, as emphasized at the previous public hearing, this amendment is nothing more than organizing ourselves to be ready to handle the applicant in a precise and professional manner.

OTHER BUSINESS

CIP

Discussion was tabled until the next business meeting due to lack of participation tonight.

Mr. Howe suggested that the members of the CIP Committee should reach out to the school and include them in the CIP in the event there are any major upgrades or structural needs in the foreseen future for the school district.

BUDGET

Chair O'Clair reviewed the budget proposal with the Board members. In light of the recent increase in the tax rate due to changes in the school, Chair O'Clair suggested the Board eliminate everything that is non-essential for 2014. All members present were in agreement.

Ms. Bursey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Howe seconded the motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting: January 16, 2014
Public Hearing on Zoning Amendments

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett
Recording Secretary