

**Washington Planning Board**  
Meeting and Hearing Minutes - Draft  
January 7, 2020

- 0.0 Assembly: 6:30PM, Town Hall
  - 0.1 Members present: Hatch, Revane, Dulac, Crandall (phone) and Schwartz
  - 0.2 Alternates present: Kluk (Facetime)
  - 0.3 Members and Alternates Absent: Chidester, Shifflett and Terani
  - 0.4 Visitors: Mike Otterson, John Rankin, Police Chief Ryan Murdough, and Jed Schwartz

Hatch opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.

- 1.0 **Public Hearing** – Hatch stated that we worked with Chief Murdough on the new Noise Ordinance after he alerted us to problems with the existing ordinance. The existing ordinance is based on decibel levels and although the town has monitoring equipment it has not been maintained properly. Murdough said that the decibel metering equipment needs to be certified and training done in its use, but this is not happening. He brought the PB the Henniker noise ordinance that he found success in enforcing and PB worked with that ordinance and others to draft the new one. He said that in practice the police will verify a noise complaint and knock on the offender's door to have a conversation about it and this generally works in most situations. He said that most complaints they have been receiving are for noise with gunshots and fire works at the top. They aren't looking to take people to court.

Hatch asked the public for any comments or questions. Otterson said he read the ordinance and is concerned about the restricted times and also wanted to know what the problem is with jake brakes. Murdough said that some truckers have huge pipes on their trucks that heighten the tail pipe noise levels; these are more of a problem than regularly equipped trucks. Revane said that if we can enforce this at night it would be helpful against the one obnoxious guy making noise with his truck. Hatch said that the existing ordinance had different times and noise levels but this should simplify it with restrictions from 10PM to 7AM. J. Schwartz said that the BoS has had noise complaints about shooting and asked if it would help with that. Murdough said they can't regulate shooting. J. Schwartz asked if Murdough was good with the new ordinance and he said he was. Rankin asked about fireworks. Revane pointed out the special permission section and commented that most fire works shows are over by 10PM. N. Schwartz asked if the ordinance would cover late night tannerite use and Murdough said it would. There being no other questions or comments Hatch closed the hearing at 7:42PM.

- 2.0 **Minutes: December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting** – Kluk mentioned an extra word in 3.1 and Dulac pointed out the wrong date in 7.0. Dulac made a motion to approve with corrections, Revane seconded the motion and all voted in favor.  
**December 16<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing** – Kluk had a question about the stated assessors tax assessments for land use and Schwartz said she had corrected these earlier. Revane made a motion to approve as written, Dulac seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

- 3.0 **New Business:** None

**4.0 Old Business:**

**4.1 LUO petitioned change to RV section 306.0** - Hatch asked where we stand after the public hearing on December 16<sup>th</sup>. He said that regulations state that the petition must be voted on at TM following the hearing. If the wording is changed substantially we must hold another hearing prior to TM. He said the petitioner put the wording together and we can't change it. He said we made it clear that tonight would be the opportunity to discuss it. Garvin sent an email apology but didn't go into any changes he wanted to make to the language. Since none of the petitioners attended the meeting to discuss possible wording changes that would be acceptable to them, Hatch made a motion to accept our obligation to move the petitioned amendment as written, Dulac seconded the motion and all voted in favor to move the petitioned ordinance forward to Town Meeting as it was written and submitted to the Selectmen. Schwartz will make up the ballot and give it to Jane Barkie.

**4.2 LUO review** – Hatch said we will begin looking at the LUO again next month.

**4.3 Town Center Vision project** – Schwartz said the TCV subcommittee is meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) morning. She said they have drone pictures of the area but do not have Chidester's plan for access, driveway, parking and landscaping for the area around the town buildings to present at Town Meeting yet. Crandall said we need to give Thayer something to work with to estimate the work on the driveway access for a warrant article. Hatch said he spoke with Jared Reynolds about grants for drainage and paving at the General Store. He is going to meet with the committee soon about a Rural Business Development grant, which would be due in March.

**4.4 Old Schoolhouse project update** – Revane said they have a proposal in for construction of the annex and will have a warrant article for Town Meeting. The Eversource energy report will be due in soon. Dulac suggested painting the building sooner rather than later.

**4.5 Master Plan** – this is a placeholder.

**4.6 ZBA Report** – Hatch said the ZBA is on the 29<sup>th</sup> since they delayed the last meeting in agreement with the applicant.

**4.7 UVLSRPC** - Dulac had a handout from UVLSRPC with lots of CDFA grants available for various areas of interest to towns. He asked Schwartz to bring it to the TCV committee. He asked that anyone having an idea can let him know and he will pass it on to the board. Their next meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**4.8 Noise Ordinance:** Hatch said we had no substantial input from tonight's hearing so we will put it forward as written. Hatch made a motion to put the Noise Ordinance forward as written, Revane seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Schwartz will make up the ballot and give it to Jane Barkie.

**5.0 Driveway Permits:** None

**6.0 Mergers:** None

**7.0 Communications:**

7.1 Intent-to-cuts – Jessica, Michael and Kimball Ball, TM 15-164, 15-165, 15-166, Faxon Hill Road

7.2 NH Div. of Historic Resources –copy of review for Quinn on Garfield Rd, LAE

**8.0 Meeting date for next Planning Board meeting** – February 4, 2020, at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall.

**9.0 Adjournment:**

Time: 7:54PM

Motioned by Dulac, seconded by Revane, all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nan Schwartz