

TOWN OF HUDSON

Planning Board

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HUDSON PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Russo called this Planning Board meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, in the Community Development's Paul Buxton meeting room in the Hudson Town Hall basement.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Russo asked Mr. Ulery to lead the assembly in pledging allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

III. ROLL CALL

Chairman Russo asked Secretary van der Veen to call the roll. Those persons present, along with various applicants, representatives, and interested citizens, were as follows:

Members

Present: James Barnes, Glenn Della-Monica, George Hall, Tim Malley,

Vincent Russo, Ed van der Veen, and Richard Maddox

(Selectmen's Representative).

Members

Absent: None. (All present.)

Alternates

Present: Irene Merrill, Marilyn McGrath, and Jordan Ulery.

Alternates

Absent: Nancy Bruckerman (Selectmen's Representative Alternate)

(Excused.)

Staff

Present: Town Planner John Cashell.

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Recorder: J. Bradford Seabury.

IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Russo noted that all regular members were present, so no alternates would be seated at this time.

V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Chairman Russo addressed the minutes for the meeting of December 12, 2012, asking if there were any changes or corrections.

Mr. Della-Monica requested the following changes:

- Page 10, 4th paragraph form bottom, 1st line He said the first line did not make sense, and he suggested that the recorder should review the audio record. Mr. Hall, the speaker being quoted in that line, then suggested that removal of the indefinite article before the word "nonresidential" would make sense of the rest, which probably was what he had said.
- Page 16, 3rd paragraph, 8^h line He questioned the accuracy of the allusion to 800 accidents per year on Lowell Road. Selectman Maddox assured him this figure was correct, saying the figure actually was over 800, noting that it was a long stretch of roadway.

Mr. Barnes requested the following changes:

- Pages 5 & 6 had a couple different spellings of Mr. Fougere's name, saying the erroneous versions needed to be corrected.
- Pages 16 & 17 had two different spellings of Haffner's, which should be corrected.

No further changes or corrections being brought forward, Mr. Barnes moved to accept the 12-12-12 minutes as amended; Mr. Della-Monica seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chairman Russo called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members present voted in favor, and Chairman Russo declared the motion to have carried (7–0).

VI. CASES REQUESTED FOR DEFERRAL

No cases had requested deferral from this scheduled date.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Russo stated that items of correspondence received in tonight's handouts would be taken up in conjunction with the associated applications.

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VIII. PERFORMANCE SURETIES

No **Performance Sureties** items were addressed this evening.

VIX. ZBA INPUT ONLY

No **ZBA Input Only** items were addressed this evening.

X. DESIGN REVIEW PHASE

No **Design Review Phase** items were addressed this evening.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

No **Old Business** items were addressed this evening.

XII. DESIGN REVIEW PHASE

No **Design Review Phase** items were addressed this evening.

XIII. CONCEPTUAL REVIEW ONLY

No **Conceptual Review** items were addressed this evening.

Chairman Russo stated that he would take up **Other Business** Item A out of order at this time, before taking up **New Business**.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Alvirne High School 200 Derry Road

Map 130/Lot 003

<u>Purpose of plan</u>: Install an Electronic Message Center Sign at Alvirne High School.

Chairman Russo read aloud the published notice, as repeated above. He then expressed thanks to the Alvirne representatives for attending this evening and giving the Planning Board an opportunity for input.

Mr. Steve Beals, 10 Beechwood Road, Principal at Alvirne High School, appeared before the Board, noting that he was joined at the table by Mr. Tim Sullivan, from the Barlo Group (Bartlett Signs), adding that Superintendent of Schools Bryan Lane was in the audience, along with Mr. Lee Lavoie, Chairman of the Hudson School Board. Mr. Beals said the proposed sign was viewed as an asset not only for the School District but also for the community at large. He said the school was used seven days a week, with multiple activities after school and on weekends, and its location on Route 102 would allow promotion not only of school-based activities but also of community-based

activities. He said Mr. Sullivan would make a presentation on the physical aspects of the sign and answer any technical questions, after which he would respond to any operational questions.

Mr. Sullivan said the proposed sign would replace the existing free-standing sign in front of the high school, except that it would be located closer to the school, further off Route 102, in order to get better visibility because of the trees. He said the size of the sign would be similar to what was existing but would be slightly taller (about a foot and a half) because of being set back further. He said the manual reader board on the existing sign would be replaced by an electronic message center (EMC) area, with the colors in keeping with the school. He said the header would be an internally-illuminated cabinet, with an internally-illuminated school logo to the left of the EMC area, adding that the EMC sign would be changeable in accordance with the Town's ordinances. He then offered to answer any questions regarding the sign.

Mr. Barnes noted that the Town's ordinance called for EMC signs to be dimmed in the evening; he asked if this sign would be designed to do that. Mr. Sullivan answered in the affirmative, saying these signs were designed to be run 80% to 100% in the daytime, typically dimming down to 20% of actual brightness at nighttime, depending on what was going on for ambient light.

Mr. Barnes asked what the area of the message portion of the sign was, noting that the overall area was 7 feet 3 inches wide by 4 feet high, which broke out to be about 28 ft 2 per side—adding that adding those up exceeded the amount of space specified in the ordinance, which was 50 ft 2 maximum. Mr. Sullivan said he believed that was 50 ft 2 per side. Chairman Russo responded in the negative. Mr. Barnes said the specification was 50 ft 2 maximum. Mr. Sullivan questioned the validity of adding both sides together. Chairman Russo asked Town Planner Cashell to pull up the text of the ordinance on the display system.

Ms. McGrath asked what the cost would be, with respect to electricity. Mr. Beals said he did not really know. Mr. Sullivan said he had figures for installation costs, but not operational costs. Ms. McGrath expressed a belief that this was something Mr. Beals and the School Board would want to know, as it would be an additional burden to the taxpayers every month. Mr. Beals said they knew there were some infrastructure costs, adding that the donation of the sign by the Barlo Group was what made the sign a possibility, but there were operational costs. Ms. McGrath said she would like to know what those operational costs were.

Chairman Russo asked School Board Chairman Lavoie if he could answer that question. Mr. Lavoie said he could not, but that he knew the lights on the existing sign were probably a lot less energy efficient than the lights that would be installed, as he was 99% sure these would be LED lights, which would use less energy than fluorescent lights.

Chairman Russo said this was a double-edge sword with respect to EMC signs, saying a regular sign such as the existing one did not use any energy during the day when the sun was shining on the sign, but the EMC signs used their most energy during the daytime hours. He expressed agreement with Ms. McGrath that the School Board should be trying to watch the taxpayers' pennies; he then expressed an opinion that the situation was like giving a paraplegic a set of running shoes. He said the sign

was not something that the School District needed, adding that there clearly would be more power required for the proposed sign. He said Ms. McGrath had asked a good question, adding that he would have hoped that the School Board had asked that question before accepting this sign donation. He then suggested that Mr. Sullivan get that information to Ms. McGrath. Ms. McGrath said that information should go not just to her but also to the entire Planning Board, the School Board, and the Budget Committee. Chairman Russo said he agreed it would be nice to have that information, but he did not think it was needed as far as planning went.

Mr. Della-Monica said he agreed it was probably not in the Planning Board's purview to argue the merits of the sign, but even if the sign cost \$100 a month there was an enormous savings up front because the sign was being donated.

Mr. Hall asked how much of the sign would be illuminated, noting that the illustration showed a black cabinet. Mr. Sullivan said the black area was the actual message portion of the sign. He said the message portion was to the right or the logo, with the rest being just a standard internally-illuminated cabinet. Mr. Hall said what he was calling black was an area that was designated as being 13.5 feet by 11 feet wide; he asked if that area was illuminated or some color. Mr. Sullivan pointed to an area on the illustration, saying that was the message portion of the sign, with the rest being two internally illuminated cabinets. Mr. Hall asked what would be illuminated, asking if it would be just the letters or the entire background. Mr., Sullivan answered "The entire background," adding that it would be similar to what was there now. Mr. Hall asked for clarification that behind the logo and the letters of the word ALVIRNE the background would be illuminated as well. Mr. Sullivan said that was correct. Mr. Hall then said the message center portion was basically 7-feet by 4-feet or less, which was how they would end up with the 50 ft². Mr. Sullivan expressed agreement.

Mr. Hall said what he was looking at in the illustration provided by Mr. Sullivan showed some sort of graphic illumination besides text. He said there would be a maximum of four lines of text; Mr. Sullivan expressed agreement. Mr. Hall said there would not be any kind of changing graphics—and then asked why this version, as shown in the illustration provided this evening, was vastly different from what had been provided to the members in the meeting packet, adding that it appeared there was some kind of intent to have a graphic that was illuminated, as well. Mr. Sullivan said that was the message on the message board. Mr. Hall said it appeared to be like a photograph; Mr. Sullivan said it could be, if that were what the Town or the School chose.

Mr. Della-Monica noted that the rule had been written four lines of text, with each line being ten inches high, but was now being projected as one display area that could display whatever was wanted, hence 40 inches high. Mr. Sullivan expressed agreement.

Chairman Russo stated that everyone could interpret it differently, but Town Planner Cashell had interpreted it that the upper portion of the sign would be about 90 ft², of which almost 40 ft² per side sign could be the electronic message changing portion. He then commented that this was how Mr. Cashell had interpreted it, but it could go either way.

Ms. McGrath asked when the sign would be turned on and when it would be turned off. Principal Beals said they were suggesting hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day. He noted that school would be starting an hour after that (7:00 a.m.), and the reason for the 10:00 p.m. ending was that the school had multiple activities that would be exiting from the property between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Ms. McGrath said this would be Monday through Friday; Principal Beals said they were recommending Monday through Sunday. Ms. McGrath pointed out that school did not operate seven days a week; Principal Beals expressed agreement, saying he needed his breaks on weekends, but the community asset of the sign was for seven days a week. Ms. McGrath noted that she would not be voting on this matter, as she was not seated, but she was a life-long resident of the town, and she thought it was a shame that one of these signs would be placed on the school property, that was really a gateway into the central part of Hudson, on one of the corridor roads through Hudson. She said this was a beautiful piece of property, noting that there was a residential development across the street, and those residents would be forced to look at this seven days a week, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. As a taxpayer, she continued, she would like to know what the cost of this operation was going to be, adding that she could not imagine that no one had thought of that. She said anyone could make a donation, but the issue was whether or not the School District should accept that donation and whether or not the School District accepted the burden of that donation. She said she had no idea what that burden was going to be, but she knew what her electric bill was, and she could not imagine what this was going to do to the school budget.

Mr. Hall said he had noted in the letter that there was a maintenance cost but he had not seen any figure. He asked what the annual maintenance would be. Principal Beals said they had not entered into a maintenance agreement at this time, adding that the Hudson School Board had asked that it be sent out to bid to a variety of dealers. Mr. Hall asked if a figure had been proposed by Barlo; Principal Beals said one had been proposed by Barlo in connection with the donation, giving the figure as \$1,500 per year.

Mr. Della-Monica asked Town Planner Cashell to display an aerial view showing nearby homes, and he then expressed a belief that none of them would see the sign. Principal Beals stated that it had been difficult to determine, while standing on the front lawn of the school where the sign was proposed to go, if there were a clear line of sight from the residences to the sign. He noted that traffic and foliage would also be a factor, but there was not a clear path between the residences and the sign. Mr. van der Veen noted that the nearest house was more than 200 feet away; Chairman Russo concurred.

Mr. Della-Monica asked if the current sign had exceeded its useful life. Principal Beals said it definitely had done so, adding that changing the lettering manually through the snowbank was a challenge in itself. He said multiple repairs had been done by Barlo over the years, noting that the plastic figures broke, and adding that the age of the current sign was about twenty years. Mr. Della-Monica asked what the cost to the School District would be to replace the current sign with an equivalent sign; Mr. Sullivan said he would guess it would be in the neighborhood of \$15,000 to \$20,000. Mr. Della-Monica expressed a belief that this would be more than ten years' worth of electricity, adding that the replacement sign would still use electricity.

Chairman Russo asked for the Board to keep focus on the planning aspect and not get into operational costs, saying he was probably as disappointed as most other members but the decision was up to the School Board. School Board Chairman Lavoie apologized for not having the cost information for the electricity, adding that he truly felt that the benefits to the town would weigh for everybody, for anyone who needed to make an announcement. Chairman Russo reiterated that this was a School Board decision, but there were probably 14 disagreeing opinions around the table. He said the sign was there, it did work and put messages out there, adding that it was a beautiful sign.

Selectman Maddox said the School Board was here to have a public hearing to talk about the planning side of the sign, noting that the School Board could do as it pleased. He said the Board needed to focus on the planning aspects, but the School District personnel needed to be aware of the rules and regulations about operation—specifying that there would be no flashing signs.

Mr. van der Veen said the Board had to have agreement on the planning standpoint, that the School District would not be operating the sign in ways that businesses in the town could not.

Chairman Russo said the Board would like the sign to be a shining example of how such a sign should be run, as a model for other business in the town. He suggested the sign should be shut off during evening hours that no events were taking place, saying it would be good if the sign operated in accordance with the rules. He then reiterated that the sign should be shut off during the hours when no activities were taking place at the school, saying there had been a lot of contention about other electronic message-changing signs currently existing in the town.

Principal Beals said they wanted to be a good neighbor, saying every aspect of the ordinance would be honored universally, saying he had heard loud and clear what had been raised about operating in accordance with the ordinance.

Mr. Hall said he believed the designated hours were appropriate, saying the sign was not selling the school but advertising events to the community, adding that he felt even the seven days a week were appropriate, saying this was a different sort of sign from a business sign.

'Town Planner Cashell said he wanted to further explain why the sign was before the Board. Chairman Russo demurred, saying the Board understood the legal situation. Mr. Cashell said the School District would apply for a building permit if the sign complied, but would have to apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment if it did not.

Mr. Della-Monica asked if the sign would-be available for other community events, such as blood drives. Principal Beals said that was absolutely the case, saying they got requests now for their message board but could not get out to it because of the snow.

Ms. Jenn Robichaud, a Barlo employee, said she had been watching the meeting on television at home and wanted to clarify a few things. She said the area of the sign was one side of the sign, in her experience. Chairman Russo said that had already been hammered out. Ms. Robichaud said she wanted the Board to understand that what Mr. Cashell had said had been the practice in Hudson for about twenty years. She said the

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ordinance allowed for graphics. She said she was also a graduate of Alvirne and was excited about this sign coming.

Chairman Russo said he was not sure the draft motion was necessary. Mr. Hall demurred, saying it was a recommendation.

Mr. Hall moved to recommend that the Hudson School District adhere to and execute the Hudson Community Development Department's "Application Procedures for Sign Permits, which includes an "Electronic Changing Sign Affidavit" and "Sign Permit Application," and that the electronic message center sign component of the new freestanding sign at the Alvirne High School be illuminated daily, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., only.

Mr. Della-Monica seconded the motion.

Selectman Maddox said all the motion did was outline what the School District should be doing.

VOTE: Chairman Russo called for a verbal vote on the motion. All

members voted in favor, and Chairman Russo declared the

motion to have carried unanimously (7-0).

XIV. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Tolles/Riverside LLA SB# 02-13

Map 173/Lots 12, 14, & 15 Tolles Street

Purpose of plan: Lot Line Adjustment. Application Acceptance & Hearing.

Chairman Russo read aloud the published notice, as repeated above.

Town Planner Cashell said the application was ready for Application Acceptance. Selectman Maddox moved to grant Application Acceptance; Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chairman Russo called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor, and Chairman Russo declared the

motion to have carried unanimously (7–0).

Mr. Don Duval, 14 Jarvis Street, Hookset, a land surveyor, appearing before the Board as the representative of the applicant, distributed full-size copies of the plan. He noted they had been before the Board two years ago subdividing the parcel, saying this was basically a lot-line readjustment, starting with three lots and ending with the same three lots. He noted that Lot 14-1 was nonconforming but this change would make it conforming.

Chairman Russo said he would open the meeting for public input but he did not see anyone in the audience pertaining to this item, and he then declared the matter before the Board and asked if there were any questions.

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Mr. Barnes said the lot was essentially unbuildable at this point, but they wanted to add land to make it buildable, noting that this property was all in the TR zoning district. Mr. Duval concurred, saying they were going back to the way it was originally.

Mr. Barnes said existing Lot 16 did not appear to have street access anywhere, but it had a building on it. Mr. Duval said that was not part of this plan, saying it existed and was not being changed.

Mr. Barnes said Lot 17 apparently was owned by the Town but also did not have access. He referenced the aerial view, saying there was a building on the property and appeared to have a road across it, asking if that were a Town operation or if someone were doing something on Town-owned land. Town Planner Cashell said the aerial view was an old photograph, saying the property had been cleaned up in the past few years. He said most of the trailers had been removed and the land had been cleaned up. Mr. Barnes said the new lot would have some building restrictions because of being so close to the river.

Mr. Hall asked why the draft motion alluded to impact fees. Town Planner Cashell said Lot 14 did not have anything on it, so it would be a new dwelling. Mr. Hall said it was an existing lot, with frontage, saying in his opinion there should be no impact fees. He asked if there had been impact fees on the original approval. Mr. Duval said he did not know. Mr. Hall reiterated that he did not think there should be any impact fees. Members of the Board then looked at the minutes of the previous approval meeting. Mr. Hall asked if the applicant had received a zoning opinion that Lot 14 was not buildable. Mr. Duval said he did not know, but he believed that the owner wanted to make the change to make it more buildable.

Ms. McGrath said she could not read the second signature, noting that the first one was undated, and the signatures appeared to be unrelated. Mr. Duval said he had made some last-minute changes based on comments from the Assessing Office and had neglected to sign it. He said a mylar could be created after approval and would be signed more legibly. Ms. McGrath said her question was that she could not relate the signatures to the property. Mr. Duval said George Kelley was his client and was the owner.

Selectman Maddox asked for clarification of the dashed line going through the new section. Mr. Duval said that was the former lot line. Selectman Maddox demurred, saying he was talking about the line going down toward the river. Mr. Duval said they had eliminated some pavement and that line marked the limit of where that pavement and material had been. He said the line could be changed on the plan.

Selectman Maddox asked why the lot was designated as Sublot 1; Mr. Duval said that was the notation he had received from Hudson's Assessing Office, saying he had never seen it that way elsewhere. Town Planner Cashell said it had a third "-001" as a categorization of a new lot or a reconfiguration of an existing lot, and the Assistant Assessor was recommending that it have the designation as described. Selectman Maddox said it should be 173-14-001. Mr. Cashell said he normally ran these things by the Assistant Assessor, who got upset if the lots did not have the right designation as far as the lots were concerned. Selectman Maddox questioned why the lot number for Lot 173-15 should not be changed to 173-15-001, since its size had changed. He then suggested that this should be deferred to clarify whether this was creating a new lot

and if there should be an impact fee. Chairman Russo said the plan was not creating a new lot but was just changing the lines, adding that he was not at all certain why the sublot designation was being added. Selectman Maddox said the question was why Lot 15 did not change if Lot 14 changed. Mr. Hall suggested passing the question by Mr. Michaud again before getting the mylar. Selectman Maddox said it might be smarter to defer the matter. Mr. Duval said he would not have a problem with approval subject to a final letter from the Assessor saying what changes to make, saying he did not want to have to drive down here from Hookset again.

Selectman Maddox said the lot was broken up, which was why there was an impact fee. Mr. Hall objected that they just changed the size of the lot, saying it was the same three lots, but they had different sizes and shapes.

Town Planner Cashell said if a lot was a lot of record when it was buildable, that was it; he then read from the Town Code. He said there was no impact before because it was just adjusting the lot lines, but this was proposing a new building. He said impact fees did not have to be proposed by this Planning Board, as the Building Inspector also had the authority to assess impact fees. Mr. Barnes said he had to agree with Mr. Hall, as there were still three lots and no impact fees were applied before. Town Planner Cashell asked if Mr. Duval's client intended to develop the property. Mr. Duval said he honestly did not know. Mr. Cashell then referenced another past case in which an impact fee was applied for a new home. Mr. Hall said he had a serious problem with that, as it was not a new lot and he did not think the Building Inspector had such authority, adding that he would go talk to him and ask for a written opinion.

Selectman Maddox asked about Note 12, pertaining to a sprinkler. Mr. Ulery said there was no requirement to have a residential sprinkler. Chairman Russo said that did not have to be on there anymore, saying he did not know if Mr. Duval realized that the law had been changed.

Mr. Ulery asked if this were to be a mixed use, noting that he lived up the street—adding that there was no problem as the trucks went the other way, but water had appeared during a recent flood occasion. He asked what the intended purpose of the lot line adjustment was. Chairman Russo said it was to create a more buildable lot. Mr. Ulery asked what would be allowed; Chairman Russo said it would be whatever the Zoning Board of Adjustment allowed.

Town Planner Cashell read from the Town Code 334-74-5 (Page 334-54), saying it proved his claim that the Building Inspector could apply an impact fee.

Mr. Hall moved to approve the Lot Line Relocation Plan entitled Lot Line Adjustment Plan Map 173 Lots 12, 14 & 15 Tolles Street, Hudson, NH, prepared by Duval Survey, Inc., 14 Dartmouth Street, Hooksett, NH; dated: Jan. 15, 2013, last revised March 7, 2013. consisting of one Sheet, having Notes 1 through 18, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. All stipulations of approval shall be incorporated into the Decision of Approval, which shall be recorded at the Hillsborough Country Registry of Deeds, together with the Plan.
- 2. All monumentation shall be set or bonded for prior to the Planning Board endorsing the Plan-of-Record.

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3. Approval of this plan shall be subject to final engineering review.

Mr. Della-Monica seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chairman Russo called for a hand vote on the motion. All members present voted in favor except for Selectman Maddox, who voted in opposition, and Mr. Russo, who abstained, and Chairman Russo declared the motion to have carried (5–1–1).

B. Central Street Restaurant (Extension.) Map 160/Lot 105 SP# 01-13 297 Central Street

<u>Purpose of plan</u>: The subject project proposes to construct a 4,400-ft² 100-seat restaurant (with bar) and associated parking, landscaping, storm water management provisions and other site improvements. Request for extension of approval of this project, which was approved on March 14, 2012. Application Acceptance & Hearing.

Chairman Russo read aloud the published notice, as repeated above.

Town Planner Cashell said the application was ready for Application Acceptance. Mr. Barnes so moved; Mr. Della-Monica seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chairman Russo called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor, and Chairman Russo declared the motion to have carried unanimously (7–0).

Mr. Jeff Merrit, of the firm of Keach-Nordstrom Associates, Inc., Bedford, New Hampshire, serving as the engineering representative of the applicant, noted that this project had been approved in March of 2012. He reviewed details of the plan from the copy displayed on the meeting room wall. He said the Use Variance and the Wetland Special Exception had been reapproved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in the preceding month, saying the applicant still intended to construct the project.

Mr. Barnes questioned the designation of this being the second extension.

Chairman Russo asked if anyone had checked the site to see if the wetlands had changed. Mr. Merrit answered in the negative, saying it was just a roadside ditch.

Chairman Russo asked Town Planner Cashell if there had been any changes to the regulations that would affect this plan. Mr. Cashell responded in the negative.

Mr. Barnes moved to grant a 1-year extension (i.e. from March 14, 2013, to March 14, 2014) for the Central Street Restaurant Site Plan Approval, noting that this extension complied with the provisions of RSA 674-39, as amended, effective June 27, 2011.

Mr. Malley seconded the motion.

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VOTE: Chairman Russo called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor, and Chairman Russo declared the motion to have carried unanimously (7–0).

Chairman Russo declared a 15-minute recess at 8:27 p.m., calling the meeting back to order at 8:48 p.m.

XV. OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

B. Review Update on Capital Improvements Program

Town Planner Cashell noted the Board had reviewed this information a year ago, as well. He said he had a list of 16 projects listed as pending. Reviewing the list, he noted that the study was actually completed and the Wason Road boulevard was going into the next phase, saying it was more and more recognized as being needed. He said the NH DOT was aware, saying they had been in contact with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) personnel, reporting it was in the long-range plan, but the Town might have to build it if it really wanted it. Mr. Hall noted that some towns had been getting grants.

Mr. Cashell asked if Selectman Maddox had any more updated information. Selectman Maddox said he would not know anything until the NRPC had another meeting.

Chairman Russo referenced Item 3. Selectman Maddox said the water company was being asked to look into enlarging the Barretts Hill tank and getting rid of the Gordan Street tank.

Selectman Maddox said he had no updates for the next couple items. He said one of the biggest concerns was getting a well in the Town of Hudson, noting that the three current wells used by the town were in Litchfield.

Town Planner Cashell said he had wanted this review so that the Planning Board could decide on whether it wanted to call for a new CIP. Mr. Barnes noted that the School Board had some projects, but they might not be ready within the next couple months.

Town Planner Cashell said this town had always planned its projects well, but there were new projects cropping up, as Selectman Maddox had suggested—noting that the Senior Building never got on the CIP. He pointed out that the Town was still stuck in a slow economy, and he was questioning whether the Board wanted to go through the CIP process this year.

Chairman Russo asked for opinions from the Board.

Mr. Barnes said this could be an effective planning tool, but a fair amount of work would be required for a CIP, and he questioned if it would be worthwhile without getting cooperation from the other departments. Chairman Russo suggested that trying to set one up this year would be problematic.

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Selectman Maddox suggested putting this matter on the agenda for January of next year, which would give enough time to go to the people, saying there would be more scrambling on budget matters than on the CIP because of the recent Town Meeting votes. Town Planner Cashell said the real problem was a lack of revenue, caused by a lack of growth, but it was important to keep fresh in everyone's mind what the CIP had done in 2009 and keep the status of these project updated.

Mr. Ulery referenced Paragraph 3 in the report, suggesting that it might be appropriate to undertake some of the recommendations in that paragraph. Selectman Maddox said one of the action items for the Board of Selectmen was to review that list and see what expenditures could be taken out of these accounts, which would be done in the first week of May.

Chairman Russo reported that he had received a notice from the DOT to attend a meeting in the Ann Seabury room at the police station in regard to putting rumble strips on the center and shoulders of Route 111.

Chairman Russo asked about the handout pertaining to Sparking River. Town Planner Cashell said he had included documentation and an agreement from Russ Teebo with respect to reviewing the figures, noting the developer was in agreement, but Mr. Teebo would need a good month to get through everything.

Ms. McGrath noted that she had conveyed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment that the Planning Board could provide input with respect to 99 River Road. Town Planner Cashell said the application was submitted today, and it would be on the April 10th agenda.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

All scheduled items having been addressed, Mr. Barnes moved to adjourn; Mr. Malley seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chairman Russo called for a verbal vote on the motion. All members voted in favor.

Chairman Russo then declared the meeting to be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Date: October 12, 2013	
	Vincent Russo, Chairman
J. Bradford Seabury, Recorder	
	Edward van der Veen, Secretary
These minutes were accented as amended	

These minutes were accepted as amended following review at the 02-13-12 meeting.

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The following changes were made to the draft copy in accordance with review comments at the Planning Board meeting of 11-13-13:

Page 7, last paragraph, 2nd line — corrected mistyping of word "said."

Page 12, 3rd paragraph from bottom, 1st line — removed extraneous semi-colon in middle of sentence.