

**Allenstown Planning Board
16 School St.
Allenstown, New Hampshire
03275**

Allenstown Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 7, 2014

Location: Allenstown Town Hall

Time: 6:30 PM

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Meeting was opened by Chair Chris Roy at 6:40 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Chris Roy, Vice Chair Chad Pelissier (arrived at 7:20 PM.), Ex-Officio Jeffrey Gryval, Lawrence Anderson, and Andrea Martel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT: CNHRPC representative Matt Monahan, Ronald Adinolf, Diane Adinolf, and James Rodger.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES:

Larry made a motion to accept the minutes of December 18, 2013 as written. Andrea seconded the motion. Chris and Larry abstained from vote. Motion passed.

Minutes of December 4, 2013 were signed.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Public Hearing: on a proposed amendment to the Allentown Zoning Ordinance regarding the keeping of chickens. Article 4, Sections 401, 401.c., 402 and 403.

- Chairman Roy opened the public hearing at 6:41 PM.
- Jeff explained how the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance started. Residents in town expressed interest in having chickens in a residential area with no roosters allowed, setting a limit of chickens per resident and how many chickens can be in a coop. Matt reviewed the definitions and changes made in the Zoning Ordinance. Jeff asked if the definition opens the possibility of other animals being allowed in a residential zone. Matt explained that it would and amendments can be done to adapt as needed. Jeff asked if 1.5 acre lot as a minimum would be too large for many.
- Chairman Roy opened the public hearing for public discussion at 7:00. Mr. Adinolf, a resident with knowledge of chickens, stated that chickens only need approximately 2 square feet per chicken in a coop. An average coop is 6' x 8' and can hold up to 16 chickens. He suggested that the lot size in the amendment is too large and should reconsider decreasing it. Jeff read the Zoning Ordinance from the City of Concord.
- The Board made the following changes: lot size from 1.5 acres or greater to .25 acres or greater; removed "with a single family home" from Section 1120 section a iii; section b i 2 changed "keeping of 25 or more chickens..." to "keeping of 17 or more chickens..."; added #4 "chickens on less than 1.5 acre need enclosure at least 2.5 square feet minimum per chicken"; and removed bottom paragraph starting with "nothing in this section..."
- Larry made a motion to recommend Article 4 sections 401, 401.c., 402 and 403 as amended. Chad seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on gravel pit owners: no updates available.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- Other business: no other business to discuss.

STAFF UPDATE:

- No updates.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Jeff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrea seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.



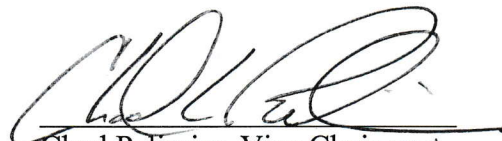
Chris Roy, Chairman



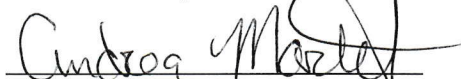
Jeffrey Gryval, Ex-Officio



Lawrence Anderson, Member



Chad Pelissier, Vice Chairman



Andrea Martel, Secretary, Member

Alternate