

Town of North Smithfield Planning Board

Kendall Dean School, 83 Greene Street

Thursday, December 10, 2009, 7:00 PM

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Roll Call

Present: Vice Chair Dean Naylor, Alex Biliouris, Gene Simone, Stephen Vowels, Art Bassett. Absent: Joe Cardello, Scott Gibbs. Also present was Town Planner Bob Ericson.

2. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2009

Mr. Simone made a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2009. Mr. Vowels seconded the motion, with all in favor.

**3. Union Hill Properties, Union Hill Estates at Pomona Street
Request for bond reduction**

Tim Bobola, developer for Union Hill Properties, addressed the Board to request the release of the final maintenance bond. The amount of the bond had been reduced to \$30,000 on December 18, 2008. The road is now four years old and though there had been problems with the grass, they were resolved over the summer. Mr. Ericson stated that there was a slight problem in the road at the back side of the loop

(10-12 small bulldozer punctures), but a seal coat will correct this. Mr. Bobola has given the Town a \$100 check to cover the cost of this work.

Several thousand dollars worth of work were completed in detention outflow areas over the summer, and there have been no resident complaints since the work was completed. The seeding and sodding have been completed and have taken well.

Mr. Biliouris asked about a resident of Pomona Street, Mr. Garcia, who had been before the Board previously with concerns about runoff in his yard. Mr. Ericson stated that the underground infiltration systems have been cleaned on Mr. Garcia's property and the problem has been remedied. The Town accepted the road on September 21, 2009. All issues have been addressed.

Mr. Ericson recommended that the Board release the bond, effective December 18, 2009. Mr. Vowels made a motion to release the maintenance bond in its entirety (\$30,000) for Union Hill Properties. Mr. Simone seconded the motion, with all in favor.

4. Planning Projects Review

The Board discussed the status of several planning projects. Included in the discussion were Community Development Block Grants (and the methods for determining who gets the money), Liz

Development, Cherry Brook, Comprehensive Plan, DEM Stormwater grant, wind energy, and the process by which the Town inspects and accepts roads. For each topic, Mr. Ericson gave a quick overview on the status of the project.

Mr. Naylor asked to what extent Mr. Ericson had reviewed and re-organized office records. Mr. Ericson said that the most important tasks have been completed, and he was reasonably certain that he would find no more problems of significance.

Mr. Ericson also informed the Board that Slatersville is under consideration by the National Park Service for authorization to become a National Park.

He also stated that January 7, 2010 would be the organization meeting for the Board (election of officers).

Mr. Vowels made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Mr. Biliouris seconded the motion, with all in favor.