

**TOWN OF NEWPORT, NH**  
**Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting**  
**October 9, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Board of Selectmen's Room**  
**15 Sunapee Street**  
**Regular Meeting and Public Hearing**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ken Merrow, Vice Chairman; Bert Spaulding, Sr.; Ray Kibbey; David Kibbey, alternative; John Hooper, Alternative

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Burnham, Chairman  
Barry O'Connell, BOS Ex Officio

**VIDEOGRAPHER:** Louis Cassorla, NCTV

**STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Schneider, Planning Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Merrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by a roll call.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

General discussion regarding Keeping of Hens included: the review and editing of the Boards proposed language in the upcoming article application, the discussion of the upcoming article disclosed under both Special Exception and applicable zones in the Town regulations, and concerns regarding Permissive Zoning exempt from the Town regulations.

The following edits were agreed upon by the Board:

The intend and purpose of this section is to allow the keeping of a limited number of hens, primarily for the purpose of providing fresh eggs to the occupants of the dwelling in all zoning districts.

The keeping of hens shall be permitted for all single and/or two-family dwellings provided the following standards are met (these standards do not apply to chickens kept in the zoning districts where farming is a permitted use):

- Less than one acre three (3) hens are permitted
- One (1) to two (2) acres: up to a total of six (6) hens
- Two (2) to five (5) acres: up to a total of fifteen (15) hens
- More than five (5) acres no limitation on the number of hens
- No roosters shall be allowed.
- All hens shall be kept outdoors within a secure enclosure at all times.
- The secure enclosure and the coop shall comply with minimum setbacks for the respective zoning district and shall not be located within the dwelling's front yard.

Nicola Haycock of 10 Highland Ave, Newport, NH requested setback regulations for structure construction on his property. The Board explained this information can be retained from the Town. Mr. Haycock is interested in having chickens on his property. The Board explained, at this time, chickens are not a permitted use on his property.

The Board was presented Minutes and Notice of Decision from the North Main Street Denial.

General discussion regarding North Street presented. The discussion was brief.

General discussion regarding commercial growth included: The Board discussed investigating permitted uses, special exceptions, location of commercial properties listed by zoning district, and further investigation on what the Town can do to provide additional land-use with the goal to expand the Town's potential for economic prosperity.

#### **MINUTES: September 18, 2018**

Vice Chairman Merrow introduced minutes dated September 18, 2018.

On a motion by Bert Spaulding, Sr., and seconded by Ray Kibbey; *the Board voted to approve the September 18, 2018 minutes as presented.* John Hooper abstained. David Kibbey abstained.

**ADMINISTRATION: None**

#### **COMMUNICATION:**

Next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for **November 20, 2018.**

Chamber of Commerce is requesting all Town's board members join them on **November 13, 2018** at the Town Hall in Newport, New Hampshire for Coffee Hour and town related discussions beginning at 5:00 p.m.

General discussion regarding outdated tax maps potentially compromising the accuracy of resident taxes. Mr. Spaulding requested the process used to request tax map updates.

On a motion by David Kibbey, seconded by Ray Kibbey; *the Board voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. The motion passed with complete consensus.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kymberly Kenney

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Approved on: