

STRAFFORD PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 20, 2014

Present: Steve Campbell, Chair; Stuart Crocker; Guy Denechaud; Donald Graham; Martha Walke; Steve Willbanks.

Meeting called to order 7:04PM.

Minutes from December 26, 2013 meeting approved.

NOTE: The upper village is in the national registry and the state historical registry. The lower village is only in the state historical registry. The Elizabeth Mine and the Morrill Homestead are both national historical sites.

John Echeverria had concerns as to how protective these are. Noted we do not have local design control.

Decided to invite John Dumville, State Owned Historic Sites Section Chief, to speak to us concerning local ordinances, what is involved and what we need to do in Strafford.

Strafford Draft Unified Bylaw Chapter 7:

7.10.1.8 – Language a problem; we do not differentiate between primary and secondary designation nor do we reference state standards. Pasture land does not have the same designation as prime agriculture requirements as some do produce crops. The wording for this section still to be determined. Steve Campbell and Steve Willbanks to research this.

Village designations – we need a legal understanding of these. We disagree with attorney Gillis' statement regarding the village designations made at the (date) select board meeting. Our concern is with the depth of lots. Steve Campbell will ask the selectboard for clarification and Steve Willbanks will contact the League of Cities and Towns for clarification.

7.10.1.14 – change line 24 to read “The DRB may request determination, **by a qualified professional**, of the effect...”

7.10.1.15 – accepted with change in line 37 “...emergency vehicles **including ambulances**.”

7.10.1.16 – change title to **Exterior Lighting** and in first sentence insert **exterior** before the word fixtures. Omit the second sentence.

Moved to adjourn, 8:26PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary