

## PLANNING BOARD

Monday, February 11, 2008  
Belmont Corner Meeting House  
Belmont, New Hampshire

Members Present: Chairman P. Harris; and C. Patten.  
Members Absent: G. Flack, W. Peterson, C. Long and R. Caldwell.  
Alternates Present: R. Davis.  
Alternates Absent: W. Rollins.  
Staff: C. Daigle, R. Ball and E. Murphy.

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

C. Daigle stated that the Board received the final copy of the proposed amendments and additional copies are available at Town Hall, the Library and on the web. The Board also received a copy of the letter to the Editor that Mr. Ken Knowlton wrote in support of the proposed Aquifer Ordinance. The Board discussed the fact that they are in support of the Aquifer Ordinance as they unanimously voted to put it on the ballot. They would support signing the letter as the Planning Board as they advocated putting the ordinance on the ballot.

The education handout that the Conservation Commission has been working on explaining what an aquifer is and what the benefits are. It will be a general educational handout. R. Ball stated that in the Conservation Commission's fall newsletter they will include the handout as part of their educational information on groundwater protection. They will also include information from the tri-town aquifer study.

### **NEM TAX LOT 205-056:**

The chairman signed the Notice of Decision for NEM.

### **WINNISQUAM BEACH CAMPGROUND UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION TAX LOT 117-015:**

The chairman signed the Notice of Decision for Winnisquam Beach Campground.

### **JAMES & ANNEMARIE COVIELLO TAX LOT 212-067:**

The chairman signed the subdivision plan for James and Annemarie Coviello on Durrell Mountain Road.

**OFFICE OF ENERGY AND PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM:**

R. Ball researched the grant program and explained that the program is a result of two years of intense work and multi disciplinary collaboration. The Housing and Conservation Planning Program, an incentive based program was developed and enacted by the legislature and signed into law. The program provides communities a platform to treat housing production, economic development, historic preservation and land conservation as part of a unified planning strategy. The program will award technical assistance grants to interested communities within four planning stages, each stage leading up to the implementation of a growth and development strategy that addresses housing and conservation in an interrelated manner. Stage one is research, mapping and data analysis. Stage two is growth and development strategy planning. Stage 3 is Master Plan updates. Stage 4 is implementation into the regulatory framework.

R. Ball explained that a lot of the research, mapping and data analysis have been done through Mr. Russ Thibeault housing study. He will be working with Mr. Thibeault on the buildout analysis. Mr. Thibeault will be doing the data and he will do the mapping. A lot of stage one has been done on some level. Stage two is Smart Growth. Belmont has done some things. There is not a dense urban area in town so that tool doesn't apply. Stage three is the Master Plan update. The final stage is auditing all the ordinances to ensure that ordinances don't prohibit what you want to promote. The grant would be applied to hiring a person like Mr. Thibeault to do most of the work. C. Daigle explained that Belmont has done a significant amount of work on those studies already. She also explained funds for the first round may limit the number of communities being funded.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 7:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elaine M Murphy  
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