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A meeting of the Conway Planning Board was held on Thursday, September 25, 2014 beginning at 7:04 pm at the Conway Town Office in Center Conway, NH. Those present were: Chair, Steven Porter; Selectmen's Representative, Carl Thibodeau; Secretary, Martha Tobin; Kevin Flanagan; Raymond Shakir; Town Planner, Thomas Irving; and Recording Secretary, Holly Meserve.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Flanagan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shakir, to approve the Minutes of July 24, 2014 as written. Motion carried with Ms. Tobin abstaining from voting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resignation of Planning Board Member: Mr. Porter stated that Eric Porter has moved out of Conway; and, therefore, has resigned from the Board. Mr. Porter thanked him for his service.

THE KENNETT COMPANY/DENIS AND CATHERINE CURRIER – BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT (PID 291-27 & 28) FILE #S14-09

Ron Briggs of Briggs Land Surveying appeared before the Board. Bayard Kennett and Denis Currier were in attendance. This is an application to add 0.94 of an acre to PID 291-28 (Currier) from PID 291-27 (Kennett) at 137 Modock Hill Road. **Ms. Tobin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, to accept the application of The Kennett Company and Denis and Catherine Currier for a boundary line adjustment review as complete. Motion unanimously carried.**

Mr. Porter asked for public comment; there was none. **Mr. Flanagan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tobin, to approve the boundary line adjustment for the Kennett Company and Denis and Catherine Currier. Motion unanimously carried.** The plans were signed.

OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUED

Settlers' R1, Inc - §123-4.A.5 (#NA14-07): Roger Williams, Project Manager for OVP Management, appeared before the Board. This is a request to make improvements to the pedestrian facilities and landscaping at 311 Common Court. Mr. Williams stated that they are proposing landscaping and pedestrian improvements. Mr. Irving stated there is a reduction of green space by 400 square feet and, therefore, he could not approve it. Mr. Porter stated that this is an improvement.

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Ms. Tobin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, that the Planning Board determined that based on the provisions of §123-4. A. 5., regarding applicability, that the improvements to the pedestrian facilities and landscaping are not subject to a Minor or Full Site Plan Review because it has been demonstrated that the change of use and/or physical changes to the site are insignificant relative to the existing development. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee Reports:

Sign Advisory Committee – Mr. Thibodeau stated that the Sign Committee has come up with some changes (see attached). Mr. Flanagan asked if feather flags would be grandfathered. Mr. Irving answered in the negative. Mr. Thibodeau stated the ones that exist are not being properly maintained; and it is starting to have a carnival like atmosphere and that is not what we want for our Town. Mr. Thibodeau stated it is in the best interest for the town to simply do away with them. The Board agreed to review the changes and discuss at another meeting.

Map 6-4: Mount Washington Valley Recreation Corridor: Mr. Irving submitted copies of the attached plan to the Board and stated that it could be a supplement to the Master Plan. Mr. Irving stated the map helps to give us the context of the valley and not just the Town of Conway. Mr. Irving stated that these are conceptual, but somewhere in these areas we would like to create these pathways.

Mr. Thibodeau stated that this group was just before the Board of Selectmen; and the BOS authorized the grant submittal. Mr. Thibodeau stated that the trails would be parallel to the railroad tracks; he thinks this is a good thing. Mr. Thibodeau stated eventually if this group is successful the trails will go from Intervale to the new visitor's center in Fryeburg Maine; and ultimately it will get to Portland Maine. Mr. Porter stated this is beneficial for us to tie into.

Board concerns: Mr. Shakir stated that he has two issues of concern; the first, the foot race paralyzed the Town of Conway in every direction conceivable and no reason for it. Mr. Shakir stated traffic on the West Side Road was backed up to the milk farm and there is no reason for it. Mr. Shakir stated that he doesn't think the Town should put up with it and take some type of action. Mr. Irving stated that this would be up to the BOS. Mr. Thibodeau stated that the BOS has already discussed this; we don't know what the outcome will be yet. Mr. Thibodeau stated the Board is looking to work with them to see what the possibility is to alleviate the issues; there will be a plan in place before next year's event. Mr. Shakir stated excellent.

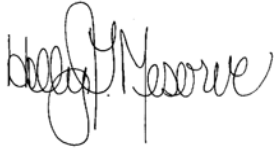
Mr. Shakir stated his second concern is yard sales; he has a problem with the requirements for a permit for a yard sale. Mr. Irving stated that we don't require a permit for yard sales. Mr. Shakir stated once the yard sale is in effect the Town feels they have a right to tell us where we can set up the yard sale; there was one being set up in the Aubuchon Shopping Center and the Town directed them to a certain portion of the parking lot. Mr. Irving stated that would have been a temporary event permit on commercial property; and they would have indicated on their permit where they were going to have it.

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Mr. Thibodeau stated the fact that it was on a commercial property is what prompted the need for a permit. Mr. Irving stated that is correct. Mr. Shakir stated that he does not believe the Town can tell them where to set it up on their private property. Mr. Irving stated that it is a part of the Site Plan Review regulations and the Board can change this if they want. Mr. Irving stated that Town staff is charged with the responsibility of regulating the regulations. Mr. Shakir stated that he objects to it; and he didn't say the Town staff was not enforcing the regulations. Mr. Shakir asked what the next step to have it changed is. Mr. Irving stated you and your fellow board members can change the regulation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly L. Meserve". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and "M".

Holly L. Meserve
Recording Secretary

Proposed amendments to Subdivision Realestate Signs:

Amendment applied to all Districts: 147-13.1.6.10.13, 147-13.2.6.10.13, 147-13.3.6.10.13, 147-13.4.6.10.13, 147-13.5.6.7.14, 147-13.6.7.7.14, 147-13.7.6.7.14, 147-13.8.6.7.14, 147-13.10.6.7.13, 147-13.11.6.7.13, 147-13.12.7.10.13,

147.13.1.6.10.13 One (1) real estate sign to identify lots for sale at each entrance to the subdivision in which the subject lots are located, not to exceed twelve (12) square feet, and not to exceed eight (8) feet in height nor six (6) feet in width.

Proposed amendments to business signs over doorways:

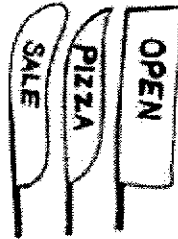
Amendment applies to 147.13.1.6.10.4, 147.13.2.6.10.4, 147.13.3.6.10.4, 147.13.4.6.10.4, 147.13.5.6.7.4, 147.13.6.7.7.4, 147.13.7.6.7.4, 147.13.8.6.7.4, 147.13.10.6.7.4, 147.13.11.6.7.4 and 147.13.12.7.10.4.

147.13.1.6.10.4 Business name and directional signs with a message area of three square feet or less which are located over doorways. Such signs may project from the wall surface.

Proposed amendments to definition of a feather flag:

147.15.30 FEATHER FLAG: “**feather flag**” means a vertical portable sign that contains a harpoon-style pole or staff driven into the ground for support or supported by means of an individual stand. (See Figure 2.)

Figure 2



Proposed amendments to definition of a flag:

147.15.3132 FLAG: A piece of flexible fabric of distinctive design which is used as a symbol of a nation, state, province, county, town or religion, or which uses color, form, graphic, symbol, or writing to communicate information of any kind to the public, whether commercial or non-commercial. **Excluded from this definition are Feather Flags as otherwise defined in the preceding subsection.**

Proposed amendments to prohibit feather flags:

Amendment applied to 147.13.1.6.15.2, 147.13.2.6.15.2, 147.13.3.6.15.2, 147.13.4.6.15.2, 147.13.5.6.12.2, 147.13.6.7.12.2, 147.13.7.6.12.2, 147.13.8.6.12.2, 147.13.10.6.12.2, 147.13.11.6.12.2 and 147.13.12.7.15.2.

147.13.1.6.15.2 Banners, **feather flags**, pennants, search lights, twirling signs, balloons or other gas-filled figures, and other such materials shall be prohibited, except as specified herein.

Map 6-4: Mount Washington Valley Recreation Corridors

