

AMHERST PLANNING BOARD
Wednesday March 15, 2017
Work Session

In attendance were Chairman Arnie Rosenblatt, Marilyn Peterman, Richard Hart, Peter Lyon & Community Development Director Gordon Leedy. Clifford Harris and Sally Wilkins arrived at 7:40 pm.

Chairman Arnie Rosenblatt called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Gordon Leedy reviewed the genesis of the proposed modifications to the Subdivision Regulations. He also described this effort as the first part of a longer process to review the site plan regulations and combine all the land use regulations into one document titled "Development Regulations," and combining subdivision, site plan, and stormwater regulations into a single document.

The Board commenced review of the proposed regulations proceeding page by page with questions, comments and proposed changes. There was a lengthy discussion of road standards, and whether using MUTCD as a standard was appropriate. There was a suggestion to bring in a person with expertise in traffic engineering to discuss potential areas of flexibility in pavement markings and traffic control devices. There was also discussion of whether the road standards should be a separate document or section of the combined document.

Gordon agreed to research potential resources for the Board.

Gordon indicated that for those interested, Chris Buchannan, member of the Historic District Commission was going to be giving a presentation of his research into road standards for historic areas tomorrow night, March 16 at 7PM.

Gordon agreed that he would make the changes requested by the Board, and do the research on standards and report back. Gordon indicated that he would like to have the proposed regulations scheduled for public hearing sometime in late April or early May.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Gordon Leedy