

AMHERST PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday July 19, 2017

Work Session

In attendance were Chairman Arnie Rosenblatt, Richard Hart, Eric Hahn, Peter Lyon & Community Development Director Gordon Leedy.

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

The Chair indicated that he felt there should be limited discussion of the proposed regulations, since many members of the board were absent. He asked what tasks remained for the Board. G. Leedy indicated that the Community Development Department and the Planning Board need to review and revise Subdivision Regulations, Site Plan Regulations and Stormwater Regulations. Street & Utility Standards and Driveway Regulations were voted for public meeting at the first August meeting.

There was discussion of the Stormwater Regulations. G. Leedy indicated research was required to determine the proper procedure for adoption, since these were originally adopted as a health regulation. He said that the driving force behind this revision was compliance with the new MS-4 permit requirements. He further talked about the efforts by the regional planning commissions to publish model regulations and indicated that the model regulation had been adapted for use in Amherst.

Arnie asked what the status of independent review was. Gordon indicated that he had been in touch with Steve Keach, who expressed willingness to come to the Board and discuss the regulations.

Gordon said that he would contact Steve Keach and schedule a discussion with the Board.

Gordon asked if there were any items of guidance the Board wanted to make a part of the discussion of Site Plan Regulations. Rich Hart indicated that he would like to discuss ridgeline/viewshed protection measures. Gordon indicated that this may be better addressed in zoning, but that he would research and get back to the Board.

The consensus of the Board was that the review of Subdivision Regulations should wait until there were more members present for the discussion.

Peter Lyon moved adjournment, Eric Hahn seconded, all in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, R. Gordon Leedy