

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES**

The meeting of the Hampden Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at the Hampden Municipal Building Council Chambers by Chairman Peter Weatherbee.

Attendance: Planning Board Chairman Peter Weatherbee, Members Michael Avery, Eugene Weldon, Peter Frazier, Kelley Wiltbank, and Associate Member Davitt

Also in attendance: Town Planner Robert Osborne, and applicant for tonight's meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 8, 2014)

Member Avery made a motion to approve the minutes as written this was seconded by Member Frazier, the vote was unanimous.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Home Occupation – Barbara Asquith requests approval of a Home Occupation Permit for a pet grooming business located at 222 Main Road North in a Residential A District – Tax Map 23, Lot 1 – Public Hearing

Chairman Weatherbee asked if this item had been noticed, Mr. Osborne replied that it had been public noticed.

Chairman Weatherbee opened the public hearing asking for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the application.

Barbara Asquith spoke about her proposal to groom pets from her home, cats and dogs, during normal business hours. She is currently getting an education on grooming pets. She stated that she has insurance to protect her and the pets if an accident happens on site. If a dog is aggressive she would have to muzzle the animal. There would be no additional employees.

Chairman Weatherbee asked that the Town Planner's memo be made part of the record.

Member Avery made a motion to approve the application for Home Occupation use finding that it meets Article 4.10 standards with the condition that no boarding of animal except own pets, this motion was seconded by Member Weldon. The vote was unanimous.

3. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Osborne stated that the Town Council has sent some map/text/ordinance amendments to Planning Board.

4. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Avery,
Secretary