

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES**

The meeting of the Hampden Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2011, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Acting Chairman Michael Avery.

Attendance: Planning Board Acting Chairman Michael Avery, Members Andrew Nelson, Peter Frazier, Morton Syversen, Thomas Blais and Associate Member Kelley Wiltbank.

Also in attendance: Town Planner Robert Osborne, Town Attorney Thomas Russell.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May 11, 2011)

Member Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. This motion was seconded by Member Blais. The vote was unanimous. Member Syversen did not vote.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Town of Hampden requests to amend Article 7.2 Definitions to re-define the Term “family” in a more inclusive manner. Public Hearing – Tabled

A motion was made by Member Wiltbank to remove these two items (A & B) from the table this motion was seconded, the vote was unanimous.

The Public hearing was open by Acting Chairman Avery. There was no one wishing to speak on this item. The public hearing was closed.

The Board discussed the language with Tom Russell and Bob Osborne. It was noted that language was added by Mr. Russell to clarify the idea of living as a single housekeeping unit. This was raised as a possible issue at the previous meeting with some on the Board. The Board indicated that the current language appears to address the concern of unrelated individuals living together in boarding house type situations.

Member Syversen made a motion that an “ought to pass” recommendation be sent to Council. This motion was seconded by Member Nelson. The vote was unanimous. (Please see the attached draft “Definitions” for family).

B. Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Town of Hampden requests to amend Section 17 Definitions to re-define the term “family” in a more inclusive manner. Public Hearing - Tabled

Acting Chairman Avery opened the Public Hearing. There was no one wishing to speak on this item. Public Hearing was closed.

Member Syversen made a motion that an “ought to pass” recommendation to sent to Council. This motion was seconded by Member Nelson. The vote was unanimous. (Please see the attached draft “Definitions” for family).

3. STAFF REPORT

4. BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS

None were stated.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Planning Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Avery, Secretary