

**CANDIA PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES of January 15, 2014
APPROVED**

Present: Sean James Chairman, Judi Lindsey; Al Hall III; Ken Kustra; Fred Kelley, BOS Rep; Dennis Lewis, Road Agent

Absent: Kim Byrd; Ginny Clifford, Mark Seimonsma

Chair James called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes December 18, 2013

A.Hall **motioned** to accept the Minutes of December 18, 2013 as amended. J. Lindsey **seconded**. S. James, G. Clifford, A. Hall, F. Kelley, J. Lindsey **were in favor**. Ken Kustra abstained.

Informational Map 410 lot 160, Old Candia Road in the Light Industrial 2 Zone

Karl Dubay, Dubay Group Inc introduced himself saying he does work in Windham and surrounding communities doing surveying and land development and that he is here tonight to represent Tony Fiore and Michael Pelletier owners of Merrimack Valley Paint Ball. He said they have Map 410 Lot 169 under a 36 month lease agreement to restart a paint ball business with the option to purchase at the end of the lease. Chairman James confirmed they had permission to speak on behalf of the owners and the Board was given a letter.

K. Dubay said to get started they would like to get in and start cleaning and clearing to the former state, clear space for parking, get power turned back on, set some netted fields and start operating games. K. Dubay said outdoor commercial recreation facilities are allowed in the Light Industrial 2 Zone under the Zoning Regulations 5.02 b-9. Chairman James said there was a ZBA case #398 dated May 25, 2000 where the Hobbs were granted the use of a seasonal paint ball facility. He asked if they would be seasonal and they replied year round depending on the weather. Chairman James said the seasonal aspect would not apply because in 2006 the regulations changed and under 5.02 b-9, a paint ball facility became a permitted use.

K. Dubay said they want to work with all the departments in town to restore what was originally there which would be phase one. He said phase II would be a more permanent recreational facility that would include competition fields. T. Fiore said in phase 2, they would be leveling the fields off for a competition field, 150 long x 120 wide covered with Astro turf and would put up a 8-12 foot netting. He said it would be designed to have spectators and competitions with competitors coming from all over the New England area. In addition, they would be running regular woods paint ball games and birthday parties, church functions the usual. M. Pelletier said there are 2 types of speed ball one like a soccer field team with netting all around with bunkers and well controlled. The second type is the competition levels which are very competitive and professionals that do get paid. K. Kustra asked where the closest facility like this was. T. Fiore said there is one Barnstead which is further out which would make this a more convenient location. He said other than that, there are some down in the Maynard and Upton Mass area.

K. Dubay said they are very strict on safety. They are all trained and have required safety equipment. He said like any business it has to make money so they would like to get started this spring which is critical. He said then they would have time to get a formalized plan together for the competition fields. If they started with phase 2 first it would take too long and they would lose the season.

F. Kelley said the original paint ball facility was not well organized. T. Foire said this would be different and would be organized with safety being number one. He said all employees are trained in safety and there are always referees present. He said they have barrel covers that cover the guns from accidental discharge along with gun safetys which lets people know the guns are in a safe condition. He said when anyone is on the field they are required to wear a regulation paint ball helmet/mask which has to be down touching the face at all times and the referees will monitor that too. He said paint ball fields in general have a good track record of being safe and the incidents of anyone getting hurt is very low and is actually less than most sports considered mainstream like football and baseball.

Chairman James said from a Planning Board position, you have a variance therefore, you are just cleaning up the site and restoring it back to what is was before with no permanent structures, no paving. But once you go beyond that it will trigger a site plan.

F. Kelley said they would have to have a state permit for an entrance and continued the state was worried about traffic when the Irving Station went in across the street. K. Dubay said they would see if they already have a driveway/entrance permit from the state. K. Kustra asked about hazardous waste and T. Foire said the paint balls are very safe and you could actually eat them. He said they are gelatin capsules with food based coloring and are water based soluble. He said there have been fields that have been operational for 25 years with no issues other than wear from people using the fields. A.Hall asked if they would bring in portable toilets and trailers for their equipment and M. Pelletier replied, yes, they have containers they would bring in to be able to lock all the equipment in. He said the compressors would be taken off site after use and continued he would get an equipment list and a sketch. A.Hall asked about signage and they said they would get the appropriate permit and meet the ordinances.

Karl Dubay, Tony Fiore and Michael Pelletier thanked the Board for their time.

Other Business

SNHPC

Chairman James said the January 2, 2014 activities was sent to the Board talking about monthly meetings and planning studies. A. Hall said they have their monthly meeting on January 16, 2014 and would report next month. SNHPC also sent a traffic counting report. They did 14 locations. Chairman James said it is good information to have and SNHPC provides this.

Capital Improvement Plan Update

K. Kustra said he had looked at the projects that were sent around to be ranked and asked if they could be reevaluated to see if any of them were completed and if they are still necessary or unnecessary as it has been almost two years.

Chairman James thanked J. Lindsey for sending her rankings. He said the submitted projects are almost two years old and he agreed with the suggestion by K. Kustra to update them. He said most towns have a CIP committee that meets regularly and updates the document on a yearly basis and ideally that is what the Town of Candia should be doing.

K. Kustra asked if the submissions were really complete as they do not appear so under RSA 676:4 procedures on plats. Chairman James that RSA would deal with plans submitted to the Board, the CIP projects would fall under RSA 674:6 where it states projects to be ranked per urgency and need, and further allows the Planning Board to rank them. K. Kustra said some of the projects submitted are completely filled out and others are not. F. Kelley was in agreement to update the project lists as they are out of date. Chairman James said he believes the last time the chair ranked them. Chairman James asked the secretary to send the project lists out to the different departments for an update and give them a one month deadline.

Chairman James said he will not be here for 2nd meeting on the 15th and will let Ginny run it.

A.Hall **motioned** to cancel the meeting on February 5, 2014 due to lack of applications. F. Kelley **seconded**. **All were in favor**. The next scheduled Planning Board meeting is February 19, 2014 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Chairman James announced the ZRRC meeting is immediately following and everyone is invited to stay.

F. Kelley **motioned** to adjourn at 8:55pm. J. Lindsey **seconded**. **All were in favor**.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Robichaud
Land Use Secretary