

Present: Chairman Michael Orefice, Lee Hall, Paul Roche, Roland Perreault, Alternate Member Debra Freidus and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond

1. **OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

Chairman Orefice called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All regular members present are seated with Alternate Member D. Freidus seated for the vacant regular member position.

2. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 9/9/15 AND 9/23/15**

P. Roche **motioned** to approve the minutes of 9/9/15, seconded by R. Perreault. Motion passed with Chairman Orefice and D. Freidus refraining from vote due to their absence at the 9/9/15 meeting.

P. Roche **motioned** to approve the minutes of 9/23/15, seconded by L. Hall. Motion passed with R. Perreault and D. Freidus refraining from vote to their absence at the 9/23/15 meeting.

3. **DISCUSSION ON DRAFT BLIGHT ORDINANCE AND REVISED ORDINANCE 103 ABANDONED AND INOPERABLE VEHICLES PREPARED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Chairman Orefice has prepared written suggested changes to the proposed Blight Ordinance and reviews with members of the commission. (See copy attached to these minutes). Other suggestions made during discussion include: Section 7(a): add the word "property owner" in addition to the word "resident" already written.

Remove Section 7(d)(1). Section 8(a) omit the word "personally". Discussion on the revised draft of Ordinance 103 Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicles ensues with commissioners questioning that the original ordinance spoke of two or more vehicles and the newly drafted AIVO speaks of one vehicle being in violation of the ordinance. Under Section 2 Definitions, on page 2, *Wrecked motor vehicle* (b) should be removed as it is not a definition, it is law. Under Section 5, delete the wording, "least visible". Section 6 wording should be amended to mirror the wording in Section 5 to read, "Any vehicle *covered by this ordinance*..."

Chairman Orefice will amend the Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance to include all references of automobiles from the Blight Ordinance as the commission feels there should be no reference to vehicles in the Blight Ordinance. Discussion will continue at the next Planning Commission meeting scheduled for 10/28/15.

4. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Discussion takes place on candidates who are running for the Planning Commission in November's election and whether they would like to fill the vacant alternate member positions until their term begins. LUC Redmond will reach out to those candidates.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

NHCOG sent notice that they are developing a Regional Transportation Plan and seeking input to help shape the plan. Information can be found about the Plan on NHCOG's website:

www.northwesthillscog.org/transportation-planning.

8. **INVOICES.** None.

9. **ADJOURN.**

P. Roche **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by L. Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond, Land Use Coordinator

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