

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire  
**Swanzey Planning Board**  
Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2015

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The regular meeting of the Swanzey Planning Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Glenn Page. Members present: Glenn Page, June Fuerderer, Scott Self, Jane Johnson, Jeff Goller, and Alternate Don Skiba.

**Absent:** Joe Smith, Selectmen’s Representative W. William Hutwelker III and Alternate State Representative Jim Mc Connell.

The Chair took the roll and read aloud the agenda for the meeting. The Chair seated Skiba for Smith.

**Others Present:** Director of Planning and Community Development Sara Carbonneau, Samantha O’Neil, Wally Smith.

**Minutes:**

- Minutes from May 14, 2015 were considered. There was a **motion** by Fuerderer to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2015. There was a second by Skiba. No further discussion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

**Regional Impact:** Board members considered whether any items on the agenda could be construed as having the potential for regional impact. **Motion** made by Fuerderer that nothing remaining on the agenda could be construed as having the potential for regional impact. There was a second by Self with no further discussion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

**A. PUBLIC HEARINGS -**

1. **Home Occupation Application** - Samantha O’Neil wishes to utilize the property situated at 21 Partridgeberry Lane for a business consisting of an office for a home health care business serving the elderly (no customers will be coming to the site). The property is situated in the Residence District, shown at Tax Map 41, Lot 53.

O’Neil said she would have a desk and a computer in an office setting. Carbonneau noted that due to licensing requirements, Code Enforcement will need to inspect the office and sign approval. Johnson asked O’Neil’s business and O’Neill said that she will have three people working for her who take care of people in their homes.

**Motion** was made by Skiba to approve the home occupation application of Samantha O’Neil to use the premises situated at 21 Partridgeberry Lane for a business consisting of an office for a home health care business serving the elderly (no customers will be coming to the site) at property shown on Tax Map 41, Lot 53 situated in the Residence District subject to condition that Code Enforcement inspects the office and approves it. There was a second by Johnson. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

## **B. DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Safford Drive Celebration**

Carbonneau noted that over 100 people are attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the barbecue. After the ribbon-cutting, the road will be officially open. Representatives of the New Hampshire US Senators' offices will be present. Carbonneau said that the State of New Hampshire is not rebounding after the recession and the State needs help from the federal government for business development. She asked the Planning Board members to advocate for more attention to Cheshire County from State business development officials. Johnson agreed with Carbonneau saying Cheshire County needs attention from all state officials, not just those representing the County at the State Legislature.

### **2. Roundabout at Lake Street and NH Route 12**

Carbonneau noted that the NH Department of Transportation will begin work on the planned roundabout on June 1, 2015 and is scheduled to be done by October 9, 2015. Fuerderer corrected the date to June 8, 2015 saying that is what she heard on the radio.

### **3. Up in Smoke Event**

Carbonneau mentioned the Up in Smoke Event at the Fairgrounds which will be held this weekend. She said that visitors to the event will be the first to use Safford Drive to access the Fairgrounds.

### **4. West-Hill Conservation Area Meeting**

Carbonneau reminded the Board of the joint meeting with the Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee to be held Tuesday, June 9, 2015 regarding proposed hunting changes to the West-Hill Conservation Easement project. The meeting is at 6:15 p.m.

### **5. Microphones for Board of Selectmen**

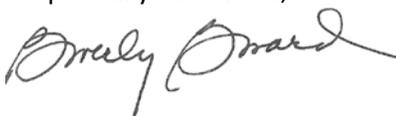
Fuerderer suggested microphones for the Selectmen. She said it is difficult to hear what the individuals are saying and it would make it easier with microphones. Carbonneau said she would pass on the information to the Selectmen that folks are having a difficult time hearing all of them, especially with the fan running.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Skiba, seconded by Fuerderer, with all in favor. **Motion passed.**

Adjournment occurred at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beverly Bernard, Recording Secretary