

A regular meeting of the Bath Planning Board was called on 5-17-11 for the purpose of conducting regular business.

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Hopkinson, Vice Chair
Donald Rogers
Robin Haynes
John Swenson
Drew Molbowski (non-voting student member)
Haley Grill (non-voting student member)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Oxtan, Chair
Andy Omo
Paul Fraser

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Upham, Planning Director
Marsha Hinton, Recording Secretary

Mr. Hopkinson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order in the third floor Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011.

Minutes May 3, 2011, meeting

DR. HAYNES MOVED, SECONDED MR. ROGERS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2011, AS SUBMITTED.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**Old Business**

None

New Business**Item 1**

Request for Site Plan Approval – The Keeping of Animals (chickens) according to Land Use Code Section 11.03 - 24 Park Street (Map 20, Lot 104); Aaron Park and Juliet Connelly, applicants.

Mr. Park, applicant, stated that his family was proposing to keep 4 to 6 laying hens for eggs for personal use and no roosters. Mr. Park described the chicken coop and attached run enclosure, the storage of feed in the house, and the type of sealed composting containers to be used to recycle the manure for garden use. Mr. Park explained that the coop and run enclosure will be at least one hundred feet from abutters' residences.

Mr. Upham explained that the paper street shown on the tax maps as being next to the applicants' lot is actually part of their lot to the middle of that paper street and, thus, the proposal meets the setback requirements.

Mr. Hopkinson pointed out the request for a waiver of Land Use Code Section 11.03, C, 4.

Mr. Upham stated that the Land Use Code has a requirement that a manure plan be established that meets the approval of the Androscoggin Valley Soil Conservation District. Mr. Upham explained that they no longer approve manure plans and therefore the applicant is requesting a waiver of this standard. He pointed out that he believes the applicants have met the requirement of this Standard with an equivalent method.

DR. HAYNES MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. SWENSON, TO FIND THE APPLICATION FOR THE REQUEST FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS (CHICKENS) ACCORDING TO LAND USE CODE SECTION 11.03 AT 24 PARK STREET (MAP 20, LOT 104) BY APPLICANTS AARON PARK AND JULIET CONNELLY TO BE COMPLETE.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

The Planning Board discussed whether this use would be commercial or not and the type of composting container to be used.

Mr. Hopkinson, Vice Chair, opened the floor for members of the public who wished to comment.

Valerie Cox, 52 Winship Street, asked if the chickens would be free ranging or contained.

Mr. Parks stated that the hens would be enclosed in a run attached to the coop.

There being no further comments from members of the public present, Mr. Hopkinson, closed the public portion of the meeting.

DR. HAYNES MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. ROGERS, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS (CHICKENS) ACCORDING TO LAND USE CODE SECTION 11.03 AT 24 PARK STREET (MAP 20, LOT 104) BY AARON PARK AND JULIET CONNELLY, APPLICANTS, WITH THE FOLLOWING WAIVER AND CONDITIONS:

- **THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAND USE CODE SECTION 11.03, C, 4, BE WAIVED;**
- **THAT APPROVAL BE CONDITIONED UPON THE COMPOSTING CONTAINER BEING SIMILAR OR EQUIVALENT TO THE TYPE OF COMPOSTING CONTAINER SOLD BY PUBLIC WORKS AND APPROVED BY THE PLANNING DIRECTOR; AND**
- **THAT THE USE BE A NON-COMMERCIAL USE.**

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Other Business

Planning Board Discussion – Various code amendments.

DR. HAYNES MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. SWENSON, TO ADJOURN TO A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS VARIOUS CODE AMENDMENTS.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Adjournment

Regular Meeting adjourned to workshop at 6:23 pm.

Minutes prepared by Marsha Hinton, Recording Secretary.