

**TOWN OF SOMERSET
PLANNING BOARD
August 8, 2012**

Present: Jon Hotaling
Brian Carmer
Chris Czelusta
James Hoffman
Norman Jansen
Krista Snell
James Trinder, Alternate
Morgan Jones Jr., Counsel

Absent: Gary Few

Chairman Hotaling called the meeting to order at 7:30PM and invited James Trinder to participate due to the absence of a regular member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of N. Jansen, seconded by B. Carmer, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 7 Hotaling, Carmer, Czelusta, Hoffman, Jansen, Snell, Trinder
Nays 0

Resolved the minutes of the July 11, 2012 meeting are approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Code Enforcement Report for July received and filed.

Clerk Connolly read a letter of resignation from Krista Snell as a Planning Board member.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Andrew Reilly gave an extensive overview on the status of the Comprehensive Plan as follows:

1. Update on Plan
2. Review of the Vision Map
3. Review of the Plan
4. What is left to be done
5. Tentative Schedule for Completion
6. Additional Questions

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the draft plan. Chairman Hotaling asked that the Board members review the document and have all comments back to Clerk Connolly by Friday, August 17th at Noon, so the comments can be forwarded to Mr. Reilly for incorporation into the draft plan.

SOMERSET GAS STATION

James Hoffman reported that he has spoken with Supervisor Engert regarding the conditions at the former Somerset Gas Station, 8516 Lake Road. He stated that Amy Fisk said there are funds to conduct a Phase 1 investigation on the property in order to determine what can be done to make the property marketable. He said he feels there are code violations and would like the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the property.

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APARTMENTS AT SOMERSET CORNERS

James Hoffman stated the apartments at Somerset Corners are in eyesore condition with weeds growing and piles of garbage around the building.

A motion was made by J. Hoffman, seconded by N. Jansen to have the Code Enforcement Officer inspect the above named properties located at 8515 and 8516 Lake Road for possible violations.

A motion was made by N. Jansen, seconded by J. Hotaling to have the Code Enforcement Officer inspect 8516 Lake Road for possible violations.

After extensive discussion on procedural matters, both motions were withdrawn.

On the motion of J. Hoffman, seconded by N. Jansen, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 7 Hotaling, Carmer, Czelusta, Hoffman, Jansen, Snell, Trinder
Nays 0

Resolved Chairman Hotaling send a letter to the Town Board requesting the Code Enforcement Officer inspect the properties located at 8515 and 8516 Lake Road for possible code violations.

SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATION

J. Hoffman stated he feels that solar energy installation is considered a structure and a building permit should be issued.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the installation of solar energy panels.

Chairman Hotaling stated he asked Clerk Connolly to obtain regulations from other municipalities and pointed out Clerk Connolly has provided copies of various legislation to the members. He asked the members to review the information for the next meeting.

MULTIPLE USE OF POWER PLANT (Formerly AES) PROPERTY

James Hoffman said he would ask Supervisor Engert to see if arrangements can be made for a visit to the site at the power plant.

There being no further business, B Carmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM, seconded by K. Snell. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Connolly, MMC
Town Clerk/Secretary