

**Planning Board of Sugar Hill
January 7, 2015**

Members: John Strasser, Arthur Chase, David Thurston, Jim Keefe, Rob Hayward, Amy Venezia

Guests: Fire Chief Allan Clark

Chairman Rob Hayward called the meeting to order at 5:30PM on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. It was noted that Amy Venezia was listed two times in the members list in the December minutes. On a motion made by David Thurston, seconded by Arthur Chase the minutes of the December meeting were moved to be approved with the change noted above. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Hearing
Proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance**

No one from the public was in attendance for the public hearing on the proposed changes. The proposed changes will be on the ballot at the March town meeting.

**Ski Hearth Farm
Site Plan Review Discussion**

The Board met with Chief Allan Clark to discuss Ski Hearth Farm. Ski Hearth Farm is awaiting final Site Plan approval which was contingent on Chief Clark reviewed the plans. Chief Clark discussed the parking plan that he was provided by the farm and presented a copy of email correspondence between him and Paul Gagnon from the Society for the Protection of NH Forest regarding parking. There are currently 10 parking spaces from the farm stand and the society is granting an additional 20 parking spaces on the land in conservation. Chief Clark stated that he is concerned about the safety plan and having a plan to retrieve an injured person from the trails. He has suggested that they provide a number to call to users of the trail system for the First Aid room in case of emergency. The farm would assist the injured person from the trail to the first aid room call the ambulance directly if needed. Chief Clark is concerned that if someone were to get injured on the trails and called 911 that the ambulance, life squad and fire trucks would all be dispatched and none of them would be able to get onto the trails to retrieve the injured person.

Chief Clark is recommending that the Planning Board approve the Site Plan for Ski Hearth Farm contingent on the following conditions:

- Temporary approval subject to review of the 2015 ski season
- No parking along any Town road
- Proper temporary signage for parking to be displayed
- Any personnel directing traffic that is within the Town's Right of Way must be approved by the Sugar Hill Police Chief
- Permanent Handicapped Accessible Bathroom must be available

- Temporary Porta-Toilets of adequate amount
- First Aid Room to be identified with signage
- Travel Lane to First Aid Room to be maintained passable at all times
- No more than 20 parking spaces on Conservation Easement pursuant to the Society of the Protection of NH Forests
- When available parking is no longer available no additional ski passes will be allowed and a temporary sign is to be posted at Route 18 announcing that it is sold out
- Guests to have written instructions on how to contact Ski Area First Aid
- Farm to have a method of extricating injured guests from the trails
- Qualified Ski Patrol personnel to be in attendance
- No restaurant operation is allowed

On a motion made by Arthur Chase, seconded by Jim Keefe the Board approved the Site Plan Review for Ski Hearth Farm contingent upon the above list and a review of this Site Plan review in June of the 2015 ski season.

With no further business on a motion made by Jim Keefe, seconded by Arthur Chase the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Amy Venezia
Secretary to the Planning Board