

## **Planning Board - 2010 Annual Report**

In 2010, the Planning Board reviewed and addressed 13 applications. Among those were the Wings Auto Body final site review on Lafayette Road and a few two-lot subdivisions including property on Lang, West, Spring and Brackett Roads. Site plan approvals were granted to Sanctuary Care on Lafayette Road, as well as Webster at Rye on Washington Road, The Moorings at Rye Harbor and a drainage plan for the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club on Wentworth Road.

There are seven warrant articles that will appear on the 2011 ballot for the March election. Some were written to bring the Rye Zoning Ordinances up to date with state regulations. An important amendment will protect of Rye's aquifer, a valued resource, by clearly defining the Wellhead Protection Area. Others were needed for clarification of existing ordinances including a "housekeeping amendment and one for protection of public safety pertaining to fireworks.

Amendment No. 1 amends Section 505.7 of the Wireless Ordinance and stipulates that all proposals for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities require a Special Use Permit from the planning board, whether or not the proposal is inside or outside the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District.

Amendment No. 2 amends Section 404.4, F of the Workforce Housing Ordinance in order to apply legal mechanisms which assure that dwelling units approved as workforce housing remain available to the workforce over time, such as covenants and lien requirements, are complex legal instruments.

Amendment No. 3 is regarded as a "Housekeeping" Item and amends Sections 702.4 D and Section 703 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding Zoning Board of Adjustment minutes and appeals from the ZBA decisions in order to make them consistent with recent changes in state statutes.

Amendment No. 4 amends Section 803.4 regarding Enforcement to make it clear that civil penalties for zoning ordinance violations are as allowed by New Hampshire statutes, so that the ordinance does not have to be amended each time the Legislature changes the penalties.

Amendment No. 5 amends Section 505 of the Wireless Ordinance in order to incorporate the state statutory requirement that for an application for a Wireless Telecommunications Facility visible in another municipality within a 20 mile radius, the municipality be notified. The amendment also identifies who is responsible for providing the notice.

Amendment No. 6 amends Section 202.9 Prohibited Uses to include the sale, storage and display of fireworks and adds the definition of Fireworks.

Amendment No. 7 amends the AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT by defining the Wellhead Protection Area in Section 306.9.

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Active committees of the Planning Board in 2010 included the Long Range Planning and the Rules and Regulations chaired by Mel Low and Martin Zivic, respectively.

We welcomed Tom McCormick, who became a member of the Planning Board with the resignation of Mark Galvin and Bill Epperson, who recently joined the Board as an alternate. We send our wholehearted thanks to Martin Zivic, who resigned for personal reasons. We value the dedication and commitment he made during his years as a member of the Planning Board. Lastly, we thank Bob Brown who volunteered to take Martin Zivic's place on the Board until the 2011 March elections.

Respectfully submitted,

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