

APPROVED / REVISED  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
INLAND WETLANDS BOARD  
AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

November 30, 2010

Present: Michael Autuori  
Peter Chipouras  
Joseph Fossi  
Nelson Gelfman  
John Katz  
Philip Mische  
Rebecca Mucchetti, Chairman  
Patrick Walsh, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Betty Brosius, Director of Planning

At 7:30 p.m., Chairman Mucchetti called the meeting to order.

**PENDING ITEMS**

**Interview of interested candidates to fill available position on the three land use agencies noted above, vacancy created by the passing of 37-year Commission member James McChesney.**

**Chairmen Mucchetti** welcomed candidates George Hanlon of 238 West Lane and Carson C.K. Fincham of 125 Florida Road. The Chairman briefly explained the duties and responsibilities of Commission/Board members, and the regular meeting and site walk schedules.

The candidate must be selected by a majority vote of the Commission, and would serve until the next general election in November of 2011, at which time the candidate may run for election to fill the unexpired term (through November of 2013). The Commission must fill the vacancy no later than December 6<sup>th</sup>, or 30 days following the date of the creation of the vacancy (November 6<sup>th</sup>).

The candidates were interviewed separately. Chairman Mucchetti asked that each candidate leave the room when not being interviewed. Both candidates were asked to leave the room while the Commission/Board discussed the interviews and commented on the qualifications and suitability of each for the vacant position.

Mr. Fincham was interviewed first (going in alphabetical order by last name), and Mr. Hanlon was second.

Three members of the Republican Town Committee were in attendance in the audience (Chairman Jim Carroll, Robert Jewell, and Bob Hebert), and at one point Chairman Jim Carroll briefly explained and clarified the reasoning behind the RTC's recommendation for George Hanlon as candidate for the position.

Following the interviews and Commission discussion, **Mr. Walsh motioned, seconded by Mr. Fossi, to appoint George Hanlon to fill the vacancy on the Commission/Board. The vote was 4-4, with Chairman Mucchetti, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Fossi and Mr. Chipouras voting in favor, and Mr. Katz, Dr. Autuori, Dr. Gelfman and Mr. Mische voting against. The motion failed.**

Mr. Katz pointed out that his vote was not against Mr. Hanlon – he agrees that both of the candidates would be qualified to fill the vacancy – but he favored the other candidate.

**Dr. Autuori motioned, seconded by Dr. Gelfman, to appoint Carson Fincham to fill the vacancy on the Commission/Board. The vote was 4-4, with Mr. Katz, Dr. Autuori, Dr. Gelfman and Mr. Mische voting in favor, and Chairman Mucchetti, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Fossi and Mr. Chipouras voting against. The motion failed.**

**Chairman Mucchetti** read from the Town Charter and noted that the Board of Selectmen would be responsible for making the appointment in the event of the failure of the Commission/Board to make a decision within the required thirty-day period.

The applicants were asked to re-enter the meeting room, and Chairman Mucchetti explained the need to send the results of the voting to the Board of Selectmen, where the interview process and selection would continue, probably in January or February. She thanked the applicants for their time.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Brosius, MPA, AICP  
Director of Planning