

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN  
 PLANNING COMMISSION  
 REGULAR MEETING – July 1, 2009

**Commission Members Present**

MEMBER	X = HERE	MEMBER	X = HERE
Rebecca Audet		Nicholas Michael	
James Coombs		Bonnie Rosati, Clerk	X
Kevin Durkee	X	George Stannard, Chair	X
Dave Eighmey, Vice Chair	X		

**Others Present:** Phil Adams - Zoning Administrator; Brett Blanchard-Principal Fair Haven Union High School - Applicant; Jay Brown - Property Owner

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm by George Stannard – Chair

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fair Haven Union High School - Application A2009-029

Request for approval of an educational use. Property owners Jay and Lorraine Brown. Location 73 Main Street. Tax Map # 24-51-30.

Mr. Blanchard representing Fair Haven Union High School proposed to use the former Heritage Credit Union location at 73 Main Street for a off site branch of the high school. The proposed location would be used as an off campus alternative school with a flexible schedule. It would serve students who are in other alternative schools. Mr. Blanchard stated the proposal is to use the space for one (1) year.

Dave Eighmey moved the Commission to consider the application as minor development. Kevin Durkee seconded. Motion failed with three (3) YES votes and one (1) NO vote.

Lengthly discussion followed regarding Mrs. Rosati's "no" vote and why she felt it should be warned for public hearing.

Signworks Neon Corp - Application A2009-30

Request for two replacement commercial signs. Property owner- DG Fair haven, LLC.. Location 111 North Main Street.

Tabled until an application is received.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Kevin Durkee moved the Commission to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting. Dave Eighmey seconded. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Temporary commercial signs for two day tool sale event.

Location: American Legion Post 49, South Main Street. Tax map #27-01-74

TAP Enterprises will be holding a two day tool sale on July 24 and July 25, 2009 at the American Legion. Signs

advertising the event will be put in place just before the event and will be taken down immediately following the event. Signs will be location on the American Legion property or in close proximity to it.

No action on the temporary signs for this event is required by the Commission. The request is presented to the Commission as an FYI only.

#### Review of Mail

An email was received announcing the Municipal planning grant applications will be available in August. There is very little funding available this year.

The Commission received a letter from David Nelson requesting a change in zoning regulations to "whereby an existing building may have an existing footprint one shall be allowed to enclose the space within the the footprint providing it does not exceed the existing height or existing footprint of the building."

Mr. Nelson had proposed to enlarge a portion of one of his buildings that was within the setback and he would have been required to obtain a variance. The building is a non-complying structure.

The Commission will take the request under advisement.

#### Public Comment

Jay Brown came back to the Commission and stated he believed Mrs. Rosati's reasoning for her vote on the high school proposal was wrong. Mr. Brown believes the town should look at the high school proposal in a different view and asked Mrs. Rosati for an explanation of her vote. Mrs. Rosati explained that she only wanted a complete review of the proposal, nothing more.

#### Other

Chairman Stannard will call a special meeting for Friday afternoon July 3, 2009. He will pole all members to ensure that at least 5 members can be present that will vote the same way on the issue of major or minor development for the high school project.

Kevin Durkee moved the Commission to adjourn. Dave Eighmey seconded. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

8:36 PM – Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Rosati