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**PLANNING BOARD
PO BOX 310
MILTON NH 03851**

**March 01, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: Tim Molinero, Robbie Parsons, Bob Bourdeau, Brian Boyers, and Peter Hayward. Also in attendance was Wendy Keane, Land Use Clerk.

Public in attendance: Charlie Karcher, John Katwick, Elias Estaveo.

Brian Boyers called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Public Session:

Brian Boyers opened the meeting for public comment. There being none he closed the public session.

Approval of meeting minutes from February 15, 2011:

Motion: Robbie Parsons moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 15, 2011 as written. Seconded by Bob Bourdeau. Motion carried 4-0. Tim Molinero abstained as he was not present at that meeting..

Discussion with John Katwick/Charlie Karcher of Norway Plains re: Proposal for beautification and water runoff purification on town owned land Map 28 Lot 48:

Mr. Katwick stated that on 3/3/09 he gave a presentation about this project to the Planning Board and there was discussion held on the parking lot. At that time, it was the general consensus that he come back for a site review before proceeding. While work was being done on site, it was proposed that a picnic area be put in. He enlisted Charlie Karcher and Tom Gray and crafted an informal plan, estimating the cost of the project (donations of equipment by John Katwick). Mr. Katwick further stated that in the future they may address a fund or fundraising to get the picnic tables and such.

Charlie Karcher stated that the area it is a gravel parking area with a big swamp in the back. The site has a natural drainage area that has in the past become choked up, however Mr. Katwick has cleared and cleaned it a lot. Mr. Karcher explained that the water from the top of the hill comes down and at the cross culvert it now weeps through the wall and makes it's way back to the road. They would like to improve the drainage to dry up the area (this is idea #1 and may be changes as this goes along) running a ditch along the stone wall and culvert near the police station which is $\frac{3}{4}$ filled with silt. The intention is to hold some of the silt back. In February, Mr. Karcher stated that he went to the Townhouse meeting and they talked over some ideas to try and keep the silt back. By use of visual aid he showed where they would like to place a walking path and a picnic area. There is already a large parking area there. At one time there were wetlands but they were destroyed when the PD was built. If they can control and treat the drainage it will be better for the lake. John Katwick stated that he had hoped some TPPA members would have attended to hear the plan. Charlie stated

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he was talking to John about improving the ditches and some areas may need to be excavated out and materials put down to cut the speed of the traveling of the water.

Bob Bourdeau asked ultimately where the Townhouse will end up. John Katwick stated that at this time the Townhouse will stay where it is because if it is moved, it will lose the National Register designation and grants. Bob Bourdeau also asked if they envision the Townhouse ever being used. John Katwick stated that they do plan to use it again and it is used now for small things. Mr. Katwick stated that his next step is to develop a sub committee, and that there have not been tax revenues utilized at all in the upkeep and restoration of the building and they further hope to use the Lockhart fund for other help. They will need to put another plan together to show exactly what it will consist of and after snow is gone. Mr. Katwick suggested that the Planning Board may want to go up and view the property when it is wet and the trees he is planning to remove will be marked at that time.

Peter Hayward inquired if they think the silt is from the construction or flowing down the hill. Charlie Karcher stated that there is a lot from the loose gravel on the road and hill. John Katwick stated that the water comes down 125 and that there is a catch basin on 125 but it shoots it across the road to the parking lot. Charlie Karcher stated they have been talking about loaming and seeding to try and mitigate some silt. John Katwick stated that they do not know what the water quality is of the swamp area, he would like to take a sample in the spring and see if there is anyway to improve the quality if needed.

Bob Bourdeau stated that the cleaning that Mr. Katwick has done makes the property look a lot better. Jon Katwick stated there are a lot of dead trees and junk in there. He said he would like to invite the abutters and the TPPA to make sure they see this and develop a sub committee of people to explore this.

Mr. Katwick stated the integrity of the building makes it non moveable and the 52' beam across the front has holes in it and he had to replace about 2 feet of it. Furthermore, on the east side there is a 15' vertical beam rotted by beetles. He stated they have received two grants to date and is unsure if there will be any further grants in this economy.

Other Business: Brian Boyers stated that the big issue at candidates night was that we must bring business into this town but without water and sewer there is a limited chance of getting any in here because of the lack of infrastructure.

Motion: Bob Bourdeau moved to adjourn. Seconded by Robbie Parsons. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy L. Keane
Land Use Clerk

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.