

**HANSON PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF  
JANUARY 11, 2016 AT 7:00 PM  
HANSON TOWN HALL, MEETING ROOM A**

A meeting of the Town of Hanson Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Ellis in Meeting Room A on the third floor of the Town Hall

**Members present:** Donald Ellis, Chairman  
Joseph Gamache, Clerk  
Joseph Weeks, Member  
John Kemmett, Member  
Steve Regan, Vice Chairman  
**Absent:** Virginia Costley, Administrative Assistant  
**Also Present:** Laurie Muncy, Town Planner

**MINUTES**

**Motion to accept minutes from December 7, 2015:** Joseph Weeks  
**Second:** John Kemmett  
**Vote:** 3-0-2 Don Ellis and Stephen Regan abstained.

**Motion to accept minutes for December 21, 2015:** Joseph Weeks  
**Second:** Joseph Gamache  
**Vote:** 5-0-0

**DISCUSSIONS**

**Section 6.5.4 of the Sub-division Rules and Regulations** – The text of the regulations do not match the detail sheet at the end of the regs as it relates to roadway widths.

**STREET CLASSIFICATION**

6.5.4 Depending on the amount of traffic they will be expected to accommodate, the streets in town, except state highways, shall be classified as arterial, collector, local and minor. The classification of a proposed street shall be determined by the Planning Board. Stopping sight distances for all streets shall conform to standards for horizontal and vertical alignment and intersections given in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials "A Policy on Geometric Design of Rural Highways" latest revised publication.

**COLLECTOR STREETS**

A. Collector streets shall include streets expected to accommodate traffic generated by one or more sub-divisions or neighborhoods, or streets connecting parts of the town or carrying industrial or commercial traffic but not serving as major thoroughfares. Collector streets shall have *a right-of-way width of 50 feet*, minimum

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pavement width of 32 feet, and a minimum sight distance of 200 feet.

**LOCAL STREETS**

B. Local streets shall include dead-end streets of over 200 feet in length and all streets not otherwise classified and shall have *a right-of-way width of 40 feet*, minimum pavement width of 26 feet, and a minimum sight distance of 150 feet.

**MINOR STREETS**

C. Minor streets shall include residential streets expected to carry only the traffic generated by the residences on such street and in the immediate proximity thereof and shall have *a right-of-way width of 40 feet*, minimum pavement width of 20 feet, and a minimum sight distance of 125 feet

The Board is in agreement that the roadway widths are correct in the written text and the detail needs to be changed. They will review the rest of the rules and regs to determine if there are other changes that need to be addressed at a future public hearing.

**Stormwater Management By-Law**

The Planning Board is responsible for stormwater management under Article 3-21 and the Board of Health is responsible for Illicit Discharges. Ms. Muncy will meet with the BOH to inquire as to whether or not they are still interested in Illicit Discharges or would they prefer the Planning Department to take the lead role. Should revisions be made to the By-Law, it would have to be at Town Meeting.

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting is open as of 1-5-2016**

- **Scanning Article** – The Planner would like to add additional funds to the plan scanning project to incorporate the Form A plans.

**Maquan Street Project** – Town Planner to report

**Appointment of Planning Board member** to serve on the Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee – Mr. Ellis will serve as the Planning Board representative

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**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

**2015 Annual Report** – The Planning Board reviewed and approved the Annual Report

**Motion to adjourn at 9:45 PM:** Joe Gamache

**Second:** John Kemmett

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Muncy  
Town Planner/Conservation Agent