

**DRAFT -- NOT YET APPROVED**

Weare Center Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Meeting  
of August 15, 2007  
held at the Weare Town Office

Present: T. Clow, R. Jones, H. Kurk, N. Kurk. G. Malette, I. McSweeney, chairman, L. McSweeney, D. O'Neil

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Televising meeting. Neal moved, with Heleen seconding for discussion purposes, that the subcommittee's meetings be televised, starting tonight. After extensive discussion, the question was moved, and the motion failed, 1 – 7.
2. Minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was moved by Heleen, seconded by Ruth, that the minutes be approved, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Parking in Weare center. Heleen presented the results of her study:

Designated Parking Spaces  
from the Post Office to the Elementary School  
March 14, 2007

Post Office	30
Bank	26
New Middle School	211
Town Offices	55
Library	22
Legion	19
Town Hall	6
Video/Real Estate	22
Elementary School	<u>108</u>
Total	499 (this includes handicap spaces)

(Note: in some places there is more room for cars but the spaces are not designated.)

Discussion followed on the number of spaces at each location used during the day and on allowing the Planning Board to consider off-site parking for commercial uses in Weare center. Liz moved, seconded by Dottie, to ask the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance to consider the use of off-site parking for businesses in Weare center as another way to meet parking space requirements in appropriate cases. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Meeting length. On a motion by Ruth, seconded by Heleen, it was voted unanimously to limit meetings to 90 minutes.

5. Committee membership. Tom reported that an individual had raised the question of Paul Morin, chairman of the Planning Board, whether the membership of this subcommittee, which includes two selectmen, two Planning Board members and one Planning Board alternative member, created extra power for the selectmen and Planning Board. Paul indicated he would bring the question to the Ethics Committee. It was noted that there aren't very large numbers of volunteers in town for the various committees. It was further noted that, as a subcommittee of the Planning Board, having several Planning Board members and selectmen as members does not violate the state's Right-To-Know law.

6. Other business. George pointed out that, if we have proposals for zoning changes, they should be in the Planning Board's hands by the second Thursday in September. Suggestions included expanding the boundaries of the center village district, focusing on the items in Paul Doscher's list, dealing with "big box" stores, and examining frontage and density requirements. Tom reported on the school board's reaction to the subcommittee's request, conveyed through Paul Doscher, with respect to the new middle school sign. There was unanimous agreement that the chairman should set up a meeting between the school board and the subcommittee as soon as possible.

7. Next meeting. A special meeting of the subcommittee will be held on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, in the town office building at 7 p.m., with the agenda to be proposed zoning changes. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the town office building.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal M. Kurk  
Secretary