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MINUTES OF THE PLAINFIELD PLANNING BOARD
November 17th 2008
Meriden Town Hall

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4 Members Present: Jane Stephenson Greg Estey
5 Allan Ferguson Mike Sutherland
6 Judy Belyea Greg Davini
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8 The meeting opened at 7pm. The October 6th minutes were amended and approved.
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10 **General Update:** Zoning Administrator Halleran spent a few minutes updating the board on the
11 status of various land use issues:
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13 John Varnese will bring forward a one-lot division at the board's next meeting. John is spinning of a
14 house lot adjacent to his Porter Road residence. The property benefits from having acreage in the VR
15 zone.
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17 The Townline case where neighbors have objected to the town's permitting the business to replace
18 the existing shop building has, after many months of laying dormant, been reactivated by those
19 bringing the suit against the town. A case status hearing will take place the end of this month.
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21 The former Berwick residence at 361 Route 12A will be torn down later this month. The Selectboard
22 has worked with the owner to have the abandoned building removed.
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24 Responding to comments from Halleran, the Planning Board agreed to participate in a possible
25 workshop day that KUA is considering to gather input from the community on various campus wide
26 long range planning issues. As proposed the day would likely include discussions about the post
27 office, the relocation of several buildings and improving pedestrian safety on Main Street. Members
28 of the board encouraged the use of an outside facilitator for running the day.
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30 The Board completed the meeting with a discussion on the work force housing issue. Changes to
31 RSA 674 make it necessary for every town to examine the opportunities for workforce housing in the
32 community. Planning Board members felt that added a section to the existing ordinance to
33 specifically address workforce housing would be appropriate, but at least a year away. The board felt
34 that a first step was to better understand the challenges facing developers when trying to build
35 "affordable" units. Halleran will confer with town counsel to make sure that our existing ordinance is
36 adequate while a well thought out response to this new law change is crafted.
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38 The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.
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40 Submitted,

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42 Stephen Halleran

Jane Stephenson, PB Chair

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