

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Hampden Planning Board enjoyed a busy year in 2003. Two major subdivisions were submitted to the board - Scantic Meadows on Somers Road, and ShadowWood on Bennett Road. Also, the Town endorsed a parcel of land on East Longmeadow Road as a potential site for a PURD development. In addition to this, the Planning Board had to cope with a severely reduced budget, as many Town departments were adversely impacted by the State's lowered Aid numbers.

In 2003, the Planning Board appointed members to the Stormwater Committee, formed as a requirement of the mandated Stormwater Management Program. The board would like to thank Joe Kruzel, Steve Libby, Neil Flynn, Denise Fielder, Dana Pixley, Duane Mosier, Jean Hall, Karl Sternberg, and Mike Gerrard for volunteering for this five-year commitment.

Also, four new members were appointed by the Planning Board to serve on the Ridgeline and Hillside Board - Richard Desanti, Candice Keddy, Richard Patullo, and Tom Poulin. We thank them for their volunteerism as well.

It was with a heavy heart that we received Judy Jackson's request for retirement. Judy has served the Planning Board for over thirty years, safely steering countless members through the murky waters of the State and local Zoning regulations. We, and the many residents of Hampden she has assisted, will miss her selfless devotion to her job.

The Board would like to thank Mark Feeney, Building Inspector, and Judy Jackson, Planning Board Clerk, for their tireless efforts.

The Board meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month and welcomes the input of Town residents.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Flynn, Chair
Joseph A. Dolben, Vice-Chair
Joseph Kruzel
Melissa Reeves
Robert Majkut

The Ridgeline and Hillside Committee provide an advisory function to the Planning Board. Applications for development in this overlay district are reviewed by the members; site visits and progress reviews are held; and a recommendation is then passed to the Building Inspector.

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All residents are welcome at any meeting and any volunteer help is greatly appreciated. We encourage all residents to make suggestions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Flynn
Richard Desanti
Candice Keddy
Jim Moriarty
Richard Patullo
Tom Poulin
Robin Warner