

**DRESDEN PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES FOR NOV. 01, 2011  
AT POWNALBOROUGH HALL**

**6:46 P.M.** - Meeting opened by Chairman, Jeff Pierce. Members present were Allen Bever, Ann Bever, Gerry Smith, Ken Stewart, jr., Linda Biden and Peter Lincoln. Others present were Shari Lilly (recording secretary), Ralph Ames (applicant), Faye Heath, Mike Nylen and John Thomas.

**ITEM #2 – REVIEW MINUTES OF OCT. 04, 2011** – Linda made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ann seconded. So voted unanimously.

Jeff explained that we have a few people here tonight that had not requested to be put on the agenda prior to it being sent to the members. They are here to discuss the sawmill project on the Middle Road which is an agenda item under #3 (New Business). All members were agreeable to waive the order of the agenda so as to allow them to speak at this time. Jeff then asked Mr. Ames to give a rundown of the reason he is here tonight. Mr. Ames said he was curious why he would have to have a permit. He also questioned why we have to deal with a CEO in Richmond instead of in our own town. Jeff explained what the purpose of having one is and why he does need one. Mr. Ames does not feel that he should have to get a permit to do this type of project on his property and also wants to know why he has to pay for fines and stuff. Peter explained that these regulations are the same for all the people. Because it is for a business purpose, the Board would need to know what the business is and what, if any, impact it would have on the public. Mr. Thomas then told the members the type of work that would be done at the sawmill and that the primary concern right now is to finish covering it before bad weather comes, but with the stop-work order that was put up on there, they haven't been able to do anything. Jeff noted that he saw a permit at the town office that was filled out, but hadn't been paid for. He said that would have to be done before the Board can do anything about issuing a Conditional Use Permit. The cost of the CUP is about \$25.00 for what his project is. Jeff then told Mr. Ames that he can help him do his permit application and then, if all the fees and fines are paid, he can come to the Board meeting on Dec. 06 to present his project to the Board for approval of the Conditional Use Permit. Jeff can help with the paperwork on Thursday evening at the Town Office. As Mr. Ames will not be available at that time, he has asked to have Mr. Thomas meet with Jeff to do whatever needs to be done. Jeff will give him all the info he needs as to what to bring to the PB meeting. Linda reminded Jeff that packets will be needed for all the members to review, but Jeff said that could possibly be waived. With no further questions, Jeff thanked Mr. Ames and others with him and stated that we hope to have this all ready to be put on the agenda for the upcoming Dec. meeting so he can get back to what he was working on.

**ITEM #2 – OLD BUSINESS – ORDINANCE REORGANIZATION** – Jeff passed out copies of the revised ordinances to the Board members so they have a chance to check them over and put them in the proper order to coincide the index with the page listings since we have incorporated some new ordinances and add-ons that were voted on at the town meeting. Instead of taking them home to go over, the members agreed that if we worked together by each group taking a section, we could get it done tonight and Jeff could give it to Dave Probert to do the necessary changes on the hard copy at the town office. This was accomplished tonight with all members helping.

**ITEM #3 – NEW BUSINESS – Sawmill project info.** Although this had already been discussed, Jeff wanted all members know the reason for this being on the agenda. He explained that Mr. Ames was not happy about the whole permit issue and didn't want to pay the permit fee, so he was then fined and, due to still not paying the fees or fines, he was 'red-flagged' by the CEO with a stop-work order. Peter asked if Mr. Ames would need to go to the State for any permits, but Jeff said he didn't think so since Mr. Ames doesn't have any actual employees. Hopefully, this has been taken care of and Mr. Ames will do whatever is necessary for the permit approval.

**ITEM #4 – OTHER BUSINESS** – None.

**ITEM #5 – ADJOURNMENT** – Ken Stewart, jr. motioned. Gerry seconded. So voted at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Lilly (recording secretary)