

2006 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

There were twenty-one building permits issued in 2006 with only one being a new residence. Two permits were issued for temporary structures, seven for additions and/or private garages, ten were issued for storage buildings/decks/miscellaneous (residential and agricultural), and one was issued for the park shelter.

Seven subdivision applications were submitted and six were approved. Three involved lot revisions and three were for single lots (one was partially done in 1988). The application that was denied was for a multi-lot subdivision, and the decision was based in part on the lack of municipal water and/or sewer services.

I assumed the position of Planning Board Chair when Gordon Aten left in May. Councillor Sheila MacKinnon, Nigel Cuthbertson, Shari MacDonald, and Charles MacKenzie made up the remainder of the 2006 Board. We met several times to deal with building permits and subdivision applications. In July, the Board recommended that Council hire Alfie Wakelin as development officer on a one day per week contract basis. Council gave its full support and, in August, Alfie became a part of the municipality's team.

Planning Board reviewed some of the work that was done on the updating of the Official Plan and bylaws. Dealing with applications and working with Alfie, it was realized that the existing documents are difficult to interpret and not well organized. Council supported the decision to totally revamp the Official Plan and bylaws to make them more "user friendly" for residents and staff. A new funding program is in place and funds are available to assist municipalities in its development of the said documents. Council has applied for funding and it is hoped that a Request for Proposals (RFP) will soon be distributed. The process is time consuming but I am confident it will be for the betterment of the community. These will be your documents and you will have an opportunity to participate and bring forth your concerns/comments.

I would like to thank the 2006 Board for all its work and support over the past year. The Board accepted Shari MacDonald's resignation in September when she left to take up the position of administrator for Miltonvale Park. Although Shari is serving the Board in a different capacity, she continues to be a valued resource.

I will continue as Chair in 2007 and welcome Councillor Sheila MacKinnon, Councillor Joe Murphy, and resident Charles MacKenzie to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Pryor, Planning Board Chair