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of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) distribution system by 8% at the recommendation of Gary Roberge from Avitar. His recommendation was based on a limited amount of financial information provided by NHEC.

Beginning in 2007, future year's assessments will be adjusted by the amount of the previous year's equalization ratio as published by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. The deal is conditioned upon NHEC withdrawing its appeal of the 2005 assessment and execution of an agreement that the new assessment will remain in effect until the next town-wide assessment update or revaluation.

Stetson reported that the Town has purchased the equipment necessary to extract CFC's from refrigerators and air conditioners brought to the Transfer Station. Dennis Wright has received the appropriate certification from the federal Environmental Protection Agency to perform that function and will start doing the work once he has received more training.

The Board approved a sign permit application for the new owner of the East Andover Marketplace, conditioned upon it being the same size as the sign for Bowie's Market, the previous establishment at that location.

The selectmen did not approve a sign permit application for a permanent sign advertising a real estate business in New London, which sign, by definition, would be a billboard. The Board interpreted the language of the ordinance to not permit such a sign.

The Board decided to investigate the validity of a complaint alleging a violation of the Town's sign permit ordinance on Route 11 near the Wilmot town line.

Fenton then left the meeting.

Road Agent Thompson discussed the status of the work on Fenvalle and River's Edge Road, however, without a quorum present, no decisions were made.

Planning Board

September 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Don Gould, Chair; Roger Godwin; Paul Currier; Bill Zimmerman; and Wood Sutton, alternate appointed to the vacant position.

Continued Non-Binding Consultation: Determination of completeness of application by George and Yvette Crane for an additional studio apartment at 130 Cilleyville Road.

Crane presented a completed site plan application and a septic approval. The Board voted unanimously to accept the plan as complete.

Public Hearing: Site Plan Review for George and Yvette Crane for an additional studio apartment at 130 Cilleyville Road.

Crane detailed the proposal to abutters, indicating the proposed additional studio apartment to be located in the barn. Crane stated he had spoken to abutter Rasweiller who was in favor of

the proposal. The Board voted in favor of approving the site plan review.

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation: Property Line Adjustment for Ed Dansereau, Blackwater Ski & Cycle Shop, Main Street.

Consultation did not take place as applicant was not fully prepared.

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation: Brian Molloy, Foodstop Insurance office to share space at Kayak Country Location.

Molloy states that Kayak Country is closed during the winter months and would like to allow insurance agent to share a portion of the space in the kayak store. Insurance agent Paula Maxwell states she would like to change the sign to advertise her business.

The Board saw no problem with a short-duration use of this nature but requested submission of a letter signed by all three parties specifying the use and time frame, with an understanding that if the use is to be continued beyond May 2007, then further review by the Board will be required.

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation: Site Plan Review for Chris and Michelle Bengivengo, with Stacey Viandier acting as agent, to convert a portion of "The English House" at 258 Main Street into a bed and breakfast.

Viandier presented a site plan from 1986 along with current photos of the interior and floor plan. There is approximately 5,000 square feet of space, and the applicant would like to convert the front living space to a bed and breakfast, providing sleeping space for a maximum of 12 persons. The following considerations and safety concerns were raised:

1. The structure is being occupied as its intended use as a bed and breakfast and has previously operated as such, and there are no significant structural modifications to justify having to comply as "new" use.

2. The fire station is just blocks away, allowing for a rapid response.

3. There is a fire hydrant one block away.

4. The maximum occupancy is only 12 persons.

5. Applicant will contract with ADT to install interconnected smoke alarms with monitoring to provide for the earliest possible detection, notification of occupants, and automatic alert to the fire department.

6. Restrict the use of candles in the guest rooms and prohibit interior smoking.

7. Place a fire extinguisher in each guest room.

8. Develop and post in each room (and provide to each guest) a life safety plan including exit routes and smoking and candle restrictions.

The applicant has been attempting to contact the Andover Fire Chief, however, is still awaiting fire chief review. There is a State-approved 7-bedroom septic disposal system and town water on the property. A site plan review application was presented for review by the Board.

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