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Town Planner's Recommendation
Wednesday, February 25, 2015

XIII. *Public Hearing – Durham Police Firing Range – Stone Quarry Drive.*

Construction of a new range at the Public Works Facility. The range will be used by the Durham Police Department only on a limited number of days per year. The intention is for the range to be used for a limited period of time while waiting for the proposed construction of a countrywide facility. Town of Durham, property owner. Town of Durham Police Department, c/o David Kurz, Police Chief, applicant. Map 11, Lot 12-0. Office & Research District.

- I recommend the board close the public hearing and provide comments to the Durham Police Department.

Please note the following:

- 1) The firing range will be located off Stone Quarry Drive next to (to the west of) the Public Works Facility.
- 2) A plan of the site and a profile showing the berm(s) is included, provided by Mike Sievert.
- 3) A letter that Police Chief Dave Kurz sent to abutters is included
- 4) A memo from the Police Department on Use of Force, Firearms Range is included
- 5) An aerial photograph is included in the packets.
- 6) This project was discussed at two Technical Review Group meetings. There were a number of questions but no particular concerns ultimately.
- 7) I sent a courtesy email to Doug DePorter, NHDOT District 6 Engineer, for his interest. He said, "Thank you for the heads up. Looks like it is well thought out and should work well."
- 8) The Public Works Department will do the site work.
- 9) The range will be used exclusively by police officers in the Durham Police Department (not by any other police department including UNH), and only a few times each year until a larger Strafford County range is constructed.
- 10) A document entitled, "Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges" was provided by Andrew Corrow, PB Vice Chair. It can be viewed on the Town's website under this project. The Police Department has reviewed this document. Sergeant Brooks is working with the state on this issue.