

## HILL PLANNING BOARD

### A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BOARD MEMBERS (\*)

- (1) I will not be coerced into decisions by pressure groups. Rather I will listen to all points of view and try to make decisions based on all available data.
- (2) I will strive to identify my own personal biases and prejudices and to keep them from influencing my decisions.
- (3) In the consideration of financial matters, such as budget approval, I will attempt to maintain a balance between fiscal responsibility and a commitment to the best interests of the Town, including its harmonious and orderly development and creation of conditions favorable to health, safety, convenience and prosperity of the Town.
- (4) I will remember that the Planning Board functions only as a whole board in a legal meeting, and I will not attempt to exercise authority as an individual and make unauthorized commitments on behalf of the Board.
- (5) If I should be a member of the minority on any vote, I will abide by the majority opinion or decision.
- (6) If contacted by a land owner or citizen about a subdivision or other problem falling within the jurisdiction of the Planning Board, I will point out how important it is to follow a proper procedure and explain that the complainant should seek recognition by appearance at a regular meeting of the Planning Board after seeking advice and guidance from the Chairman or Secretary of the Board if he desires.
- (7) I will observe provisions of the N.H. Right to Know Law (RSA 91-A) which governs public proceedings and access to public records, and will respect the confidentiality of information disclosed in any executive session of the Board.
- (8) Even though I may have been appointed or elected by my friends and neighbors, I will view myself as a representative of the entire Town and will not be influenced by partisanship. I will consistently support what is best for the whole Town.
- (9) I will abide by all Laws and Regulations governing duties and activities of the Planning Board.

(\*) Adapted from Hill School Board Code of Conduct for Board Members.