

Dummerston Planning Commission
June 1, 2010 Convened 6:00 pm
DRAFT minutes

Present: Commission members Steve Mindel, Elizabeth Catlin, Reg Rockefeller, Corin Nelsen, Cindy Wilcox, Matthew Hoffman, Steve Glabach, Debra Forrett and David Ryan

Guests: Charlotte Annis ZA; Zeke Goodband – Selectboard; Maria Glabach.

Past Minutes for May 11 were approved unanimously with two corrections.

Town Plan

Cindy described actions taken after May 11 to reach the final draft that was submitted to the Selectboard on May 25th. Cindy and Jody Normandeau marked up a copy to capture all changes that were in the June 29, 2009 draft but had been lost because Laurie sent the PC's earlier hearing draft to SB by mistake. Corin double-checked all those changes and updated the Education chapter numbers.

The final revised draft was sent to the Selectboard along with a brief cover letter, the Planning Commission Report, and the Notable Changes document prepared by Elizabeth for the May 4th hearing. The draft and the Notable Changes are on the town website.

We decided not to respond as a Commission to Mark Whittaker's letter printed in the Reformer on 6/1/10. Cindy has drafted personal testimony to read and submit at the June 9th Selectboard hearing. Other commissioners should prepare testimony if they want to.

Steve G. suggested having get-togethers, hosted by a neighbor, with individual neighborhoods to discuss their unique concerns and needs. Everyone agreed this sounded like a good idea for starting the zoning process. Matthew suggested a possible public meeting on how the planning process works.

Zoning Bylaw Subcommittee update:

The Subcommittee is met the MPG deadline. WRC still owes the DPC some of time, but it is unclear whether WRC will continue to exist due to state restructuring. The rough draft zoning bylaw submitted to the State included work on setbacks, uses, lot sizes, inconsistencies, non-conformities, home business and definitions.

We discussed how to proceed from here with the draft. Matthew and David expressed interest in joining the Subcommittee. There will be a meeting at the end of June. We agreed that a good place to start would be for the Subcommittee to bring the sections to the whole Planning Commission for open discussion.

Agricultural Overlay Subcommittee

We briefly discussed the creation of this subcommittee and agreed to wait until after the Town Plan status is resolved. Matthew, Reg and Elizabeth expressed interest in being on the Subcommittee.

Other Business

Cindy will look into educational materials for the new Commissioners.

The website has been updated with links to all the maps and the most recent Views articles.

Our next meeting will be held at 6 pm on July 6th. We will decide then whether to meet in August.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Catlin