

Dummerston Planning Commission
October 5, 2010 Convened 6:00 pm
DRAFT minutes

Present: Commission members Steve Mindel, David Ryan, Elizabeth Catlin, Cindy Wilcox, Reg Rockefeller, Matthew Hoffman, Deb Forett and Steve Glabach, Absent: Corin Nelsen.

Guests: Nelson Jilson, Gail Sorenson, Deb Titus from Sweet Tree Farm

Past Minutes for September were approved unanimously. Minutes have not been done for the August 3 workshop, but Elizabeth will draft from notes Steve M. brought.

Mail: 10/18 Zoning & Planning Conference: Reg, Cindy, David & Charlotte will attend. Allard Lumber's request for a change in zoning was referred to the Zoning Bylaw Update Committee.

Town Plan

The Selectboard adopted the Town Plan on 9/22/10.

Act 250 Hearings

At the Scott Farm Hearing on September 30th the PC was not permitted to speak because there was not an adopted Town Plan at the time the application was filed.

There is an upcoming hearing on Brattleboro Carbon Harvest application, but again, the PC would have no say because application went in before Town Plan was adopted.

Committee Reports

Zoning Bylaw Subcommittee: Meeting on 10/12 at 7 pm. Will start with the rough draft from May and look at bringing a first round of amendments before land use revisions.

Corridor Study Subcommittee: Will move forward after the 10/13 meeting with the Selectboard. Deb Titus explained that some of the Sweet Tree Farm land is excluded from the Land Trust: the clay pit and rental house on the east side of Route 5, and the sugar house and 3 building lots on the west side.

Historic Settlement Area Boundaries Subcommittee: The subcommittee will meet to decide on dates for organizational meetings for each area.

Municipal Planning Grants: The Town Plan has been sent to WRC for approval. Elizabeth has begun looking at the grant requirements. Need to decide whether to ask for \$8000 (or less) or seek more funds, which will require 50% match from town or some other source.

Procedures Manual: Deb has reviewed what we have. Steve M. offered to help with the rewrite.

Agriculture Subcommittee: no report

Other Business

We agreed not to post a monthly agenda for our meetings UNLESS there was something other than the usual format of mail, committee reports, etc.

Our next meeting will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday, November 3rd so as not to interfere with Election Day. There will also be a joint meeting with the Selectboard on October 13 at 7 pm at the Grange.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Catlin