

Dummerston Planning Commission
January 4, 2011 Convened 6:00 pm
DRAFT minutes

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

Past Minutes for December were approved unanimously.

Municipal Planning Grant

Elizabeth described the grant awarded: \$8000 to update the Zoning Bylaw, mostly allocated for assistance from WRC in drafting and mapping. Steve G. asked how funds will be allocated between various sub-committees. It was agreed that requests will be cleared through Cindy.

Commissioner Terms

Steve Mindel and Elizabeth are leaving the DPC at the end of February. Steve has been on for 20 years, Elizabeth for 10. Cindy and David, whose terms end in 2011, will sign on for another term. Cindy will ask the Selectboard to request Corin's resignation so that his seat can be filled. It therefore looks like there will be three vacancies to fill on the DPC as of March. The Views article Elizabeth will submit next week will mention this in the hopes of attracting new commissioners.

Town Report

Cindy will submit this week. Steve M. will forward her word doc from last year.

Committee Reports

Zoning Bylaw Subcommittee: Did not meet in December. Plans to meet sometime on Thursday 1/6/11 for an organizational meeting to find new meeting time (other than 2nd Tuesday of the month) and to set a work plan.

Corridor Study Subcommittee: Met on 12/14/10. Steve G. was chosen as Chair and Zeke volunteered to take minutes. Decided to focus on land currently zoned rural commercial along Routes 5 & 30, and set September 2011 as date for completion. Also discussed the challenges of notifying the public of meetings. Next meeting is 1/11, with Matt Mann from WRC coming. A neighborhood meeting for southern Route 5 is intended for late January. Steve will e-mail PC about neighborhood meeting dates so that other commissioners can attend.

Historic Settlement Area Boundaries Subcommittee: No meeting, but continued discussion of how best to approach the project. Briefly discussed commissioners' view of the boundaries of Dummerston Center area.

Procedures Manual: Matthew will look into getting the Procedures posted on the website.

Agriculture Subcommittee: no report

Other Business

Cindy mentioned that Valley Cares is interested in potentially using some of the Putney Inn site for a senior center to serve Putney, Dummerston and perhaps Westminster, should the purchase of the site go through. There is an open house the morning of 1/5 to gather input.

An agenda item for the next meeting is to look at the checklist of PC Action Steps set forth in the new Plan.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Catlin