

Dummerston Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

May 28, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 at the Town Office by Sam Farwell

Members Present: Sam Farwell, Andrew MacFarland, Annamarie Pluhar, Rich Cogliano, Bill Schmidt, Deb Epps, Beverly Tier.

Absent: Cynthia Wilcox

Public Present: Jody Normandeau, Greg Brown, Paul Normandeau, Claudia Teachman, Nelson Jillson, Chris Campaney and John Bennett from WRC., Charlotte Annis

1. Approve minutes of May 7

Andrew moves to approve minutes of 5/7/2013 as amended, Deb seconds. Motion passes.

2. Public Comments

Jody Normandeau hopes that we won't have a Rural Commercial strip all the way from Brattleboro to Putney and asks that the DPC takes all these comments into consideration.

3. Review draft amendments with WRC staff

Chris Campaney reviewed the Dummerston Town Plan and compatibility with state planning goals. He had a number of suggestions for the DPC. We should define what we mean by "strip development" in both the Town Plan and Bylaws. We should ask what is really the problem with a particular district, is it a use issue or design issue? (e.g. traffic or looks) We might think about value-added agricultural industry and forestry. We should also define "Light Industrial" also "Commercial." Chris also suggested that we try to "build-out" with sketches what we think these corridors might look like. Sam asked if the amended map as shown conformed with state planning goals and regional planning goals. No concrete answer was given at the time.

4. Other business

Open seat; Meeting with DRB&SB set for June 27th. Time TBD.

5. Correspondence

Zoning Administrator's report

6. Work Session: Zoning Bylaw update draft

Did not get to this.

7. Upcoming Meetings for public input

Will ask Pam to send out an announcement. Rich will pull together the technical setup.

Meetings set for Tuesday, June 4, 7:00pm at the Dummerston Community Center

Monday, June 10, 7:00pm at the Dummerston Church, basement

Next Regular Meeting will be a public meeting: Tuesday, June 4

Submitted by Annamarie Pluhar