

Dummerston Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

June 3, 2015

No Meeting was held on May 5th as there was not a quorum.

Meeting held June 3, 2015

Members Present: Sam Farwell, Annamarie Pluhar, Andrew MacFarland, Maria Glabach, Deb Forett, Bev Tier,

Absent: Rich Cogliano, Cindy Wilcox

Public: Catherine Dainich Gruver, Ines McGillion, Steve Glabach

1. Approve minutes of 3/11/15

Approve corrections as needed. Andrew moves to accept. Deb seconds. Motion passes.

2. Add public comment to the agenda

Andrew moves to add "Public Comments" to the agenda. Deb seconds. Motion passes.

3. Public comment

Ines McGillion: Urges us to make a change to in the Settlement Area Districts. It would not be a big change. Thinks that it is "incomplete draftsmanship" not to have the descriptions as they are in the Town Plan and that there is a "potential uniformity problem." If the Dummerston Planning Commission does not make the change will petition the Selectboard. Hopes to have the change and urges us to consider, if not "we're prepared to soldier on and do lot more work."

Catherine Dainich-Gruver: It's a lot of work and we can do it again. There are three distinct settlement areas and should be described as such in the bylaw.

Charlotte Annis: There's nothing in the bylaw draft that would require different descriptions.

4. Correspondence

I. Submitted comments on proposed bylaw

We received written comments from Michelle Simpson Seagull, Matthew Barone, Catherine Dainach-Gruver. By email from Ines McGillion and Stevens and Associates by letter.

Discussion of Dummerston Center description comments, Barone comments, Stevens and associates comments on the definition of Mineral Extraction.

Request to have Bylaw definition as suggested from the comments in the public hearing.

1. Action on proposed Zoning Bylaw update

Andrew motions to send the bylaw to the Selectboard with the two amendments:

1. "Settlement areas district" to "Settlement Area Districts" and
2. Change definition mineral extraction definition as follows:

EARTH AND MINERAL EXTRACTION: the removal of soil, sand, gravel or other earth resource for sale or transport to another location, including screening and crushing operations and the addition of construction and demolition wastes and stump disposal as necessary for the operation, grading, and reclamation of the excavation site; provided however, that such removal of soil, sand, gravel or other earth resource shall not be incidental to the construction of a building on the same premises.

Deb seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Goals for 2015

Determine members/subcommittees to work on each priority:

Home Business/ Home Occupation and “Grandfathered” language—Bev and Maria
Communication structure and TeleCommunications ordinance (with SB)—Andrew
Variable lot size, clustered dwellings—Annamarie and Rich
Water—Deb and Sam
Organize file cabinets —Cindy, Charlotte and Sam
Meet with Putney PC to discuss Exit 4 area Annamarie

3. Other business

Items for next meeting agenda

Committee reports for the meetings.

Next meeting: July 7th

There will be no August meeting.