

Dummerston Planning Commission

Public Hearing Town Plan Update

April 22, 2014

7 PM

Members Present: Sam Farwell, Deb Forrett, Maria Glabach, Andrew MacFarland, Annamarie Pluhar, Rich Cogliano, Bev Tier, Cindy Wilcox

Absent:

Public Present: Charlotte Annis, Steve Glabach, Ruth Barton, Brenda Davis, Mark Whitaker, Tom Bodett, Paul Normandeau, Jody Normandeau, John Abel, Zeke Goodband, Claudia Teachman, David Lane, Suzanne Weinberger, Alex Wilson, Ghurudarm Khalsa, Tom Simeon, Beverly Kenney, Winnie Vogt, Catherine Dianich Gruber, Nelson Jillson, Lester Dunklee, Cheryl Wilfong, Joan and Aisha Pandelaki, Mike Kohut, Hector Gailbraith, Calvin Farwell, Inez McGillian

Public Forum

“Agri-tourism” – questions lack of connection to farms. Asks that the last sentence go back to the first sentence. Overnight stays not being defined by the agri-tourism definition.. doesn’t have the health standards. Appropriate licensure required should be known ahead of time.

Ruth Barton: As few as Conditional Uses as possible.

Mark Whitaker: Unspecified use question, asks if it allows for a use that is not there. Discussion that it allows for a new idea that no one had thought of. But not for a use that is otherwise in the bylaw.

Calvin Farwell: Status of a “school” is not a Conditional Use in either Conservation or Rural. How does this affect a school that is already there?

Alex Wilson: Asks about the farm in the conservation district. Questions about having more than one house on land. Two houses with two families, would require acreage. Maybe a PUD be put back into Conservation?

Why are Communication structures not allowed in the Conservation districts. Are all high points in town in Conservation districts? Bylaw and ordinance need to be combined.

Catherine Dianich Gruber asks about coverage in the Settlement areas. 25% of a 4 acre could be a big house out of size to the settlement area. Asks about changing to prevent large buildings that would change the character of the settlement areas.

Question about B&B in a Residential area.

Paul Normandeau asks about “Home Business” as a Conditional Use in the Conservation district, also Productive Lands.

Rural Commercial inconsistency with Manufacture/Pack/Process and Warehouse not his sense of what Rural Commercial District. In Commercial Light there are uses that would be incompatible with industrial uses.

Agriculture definition doesn’t have “slaughterhouse” in the definition.

Why don’t we have “camp” as in summer camp in our uses?

Are we still thinking about looking at Ag overlay?

Question about intentionally removed “historic” from description of Settlement area

Forum closed at 8:55

Submitted by Annamarie Pluhar, Secretary