

Dummerston Planning Commission

Dummerston Town Offices

March 10th, 2009

Convened 5:00pm

Present: Steve, Cindy, Corin, Reg, Bob and Zeke Goodband.

Organizational business:

It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that Corin Nelsen be recommended for re-appointed to the Planning Commission for another 3 year term. The recommendation will be passed to the Selectboard for approval.

As the first meeting after Town Meeting, this will be our Organizational meeting- It was moved, seconded, and passed that all officer positions remain the same

Steve Mindel, Chair

Elizabeth Catlin, Vice-chair

Corin Nelsen, Clerk

There were no other significant organizational issues.

Steve said that Charlotte was doing very well. She had some clarifications as to when exactly she can sign off... and was quickly finding the numerous conflicts in our current Zoning Bylaw. Everyone agreed to be available for any questions she has to help guide.

A couple of things that have come up:

Subdivision regulations- we have none now. With the probable increase in subdivisions in the future, it was suggested we look at Brattleboro's, Newfane's, etc. to find some useful language that we might adopt for our own...

Sign Ordinance? Weighed the pros and cons of whether it should stay in Zoning instead of an ordinance. More discussion, perhaps as an All Board agenda item, is required. (also see Action Item below!)

MPG –

Meeting this Friday and then on the 27th- Friday will be Land Use

27th will be Energy and Housing. All are at 11:30 am.

Question whether there is a current Town Plan digitally- probably through WRC?

Bob will check to see if Jeff will be re-doing the Town Plan maps (not using the old ones) at the meeting on Friday. It was thought that because he had re-done many maps (2 years ago with another MPG) that it would be very easy.

It was suggested that we host the All Boards meeting Earlier this year (APRIL?) It would be helpful for new members, as well as all of the boards etc. to hear the update on the Town Plan which should be much further along. Gathering all boards feedback prior to Community meetings may be useful.

Zoning rewrite will start as soon as WRC deems possible (Sue Fillion's time allocation vs. our Town Plan timeline etc.).

ACTION ITEM: Zoning Reg issues- ALL DPC members, ZA, (anyone actually!) should try to dig up the lists of “issues” with the current Zoning that have been uncovered by either the DRB, ZA, or any other discoveries. All items should be sent to Corin who will compile them into one document which we can send to Sue Fillion to consider- only a few may pertain to the Town Plan aspect, but by gathering these NOW we head off possible contradictions between the Town Plan and the new Zoning regs that would follow immediately. AND it will be very useful to Charlotte now, to know what else we have already uncovered so that interim resolutions can be figured out as needed.

May 5th Putney Fire Station 6pm-9pm for the VT training session regarding Supreme Court JAM decision (see Steve’s forwarded email).

Next DPC meeting will be April 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm!