

Dummerston Planning Commission
Dummerston Congregational Church Basement
March 23, 2010 Convened 6:00pm
DRAFT minutes

Present: Commission members Steve Mindel, Elizabeth Catlin, Reg Rockefeller, Corin Nelsen, Cindy Wilcox, Matthew Hoffman, Debra Forrett and David Ryan

Guests: Charlotte Annis ZA; Greg Brown and Zeke Goodband – Selectboard; Steve and Maria Glabach, Paul Normandeau.

Past Minutes for March 9 were approved unanimously.

Zoning Bylaw Subcommittee update:

The public forum on the Home Business draft will not be held on March 25, but will be held after the MPG deadline has been met (grant does not require public forum, but does require a whole lot of other things that must get done). The Subcommittee has set a weekly meeting schedule to comply with the MPG deadline. Josh from WRC will no longer be working with the group and may be replaced by John Bennett.

MPG Grant Application Town is not eligible for this round because it does not have an adopted and approved Town Plan. There will be a fall round, and we may be able to apply then if the Plan has been adopted and approved by WRC.

Town Plan Revisions

We agreed to adopt the SBs proposed revisions to the Housing, Energy, Education, Transportation and Community Facilities chapter.

We then made small changes to the Commerce and Industry chapter, primarily by eliminating a paragraph that the SB had asked to be reworded.

We also made small changes to Recreation, Scenic and Cultural Resources, primarily by adding “uninterrupted skylines” to the list in the first paragraph of the chapter and by eliminating Policy 2.2 Action Step (b) about the Dummerston Center historical district.

We then tackled Working Landscapes, Conserved Lands, and Natural Resources. A variety of small changes were made in line with the SB’s recommendations, none of which generated much discussion.

Finally, we circled back to Land Use to discuss two issues: whether to extend the Commercial/Light Industrial overlay further south down Route 5 to encompass Brattleboro Sheet Metal; and whether to designate the land around the Miller and Bunker Farms resource instead of rural. The first issue didn’t seem problematic, but the second re-opened the issue of agriculture overlays, etc.

Corin will circulate a comprehensive revised draft for Commissioners to read over for consistency, typos, errors, etc.

We will have our regular monthly meeting at 5:30 pm on April 6th to formally agree on a final version of the revised draft. Cindy, Deb, and Reg will meet at 5 pm to do an interview with SB members for the vacant PC seat.

We intend to have a Public Hearing on the Revised Draft Town Plan on April 27th at 7 pm in the church basement.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Catlin