

Dummerston Planning Commission
July 6, 2010 Convened 6:00 pm
DRAFT minutes

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

Guests: Charlotte Annis ZA; Zeke Goodband – Selectboard; Maria Glabach, Gail Sorenson, Nelson Jilson, Brenda Davis, Casey ??, David Baker, Mark Whittaker.

Past Minutes for June were approved unanimously.

Mail was reviewed and no actions taken. Elizabeth took the Brookline Draft Town Plan to read over.

Town Plan

We discussed the June 23rd and July 6th letters from the Selectboard asking the PC to comment on its suggested changes to the Plan. From the 6/23 letter, changes 1,2, and 5 were approved with no discussion, while changes 3 and 4 were discussed then approved. From the 7/6 letter, which overrode changes 6 and 7 in the 6/23 letter, we approved changes 1-6. Change 7 we suggested that “was designed” be replaced by “were installed.” Change 8 was also approved.

A motion was made to send a letter to the Selectboard saying we had reviewed and agreed with their proposed changes as described above. The motion carried unanimously. Cindy will send the letter this week.

There were questions from the public about the Corridor Study for Routes 5 & 30 proposed by the Selectboard: how the Study would be conducted, who would conduct it and how it would affect the future zoning. Data used to create the Town Plan should be useful for this study.

Zeke stated that the Selectboard is going to ask to meet with the Planning Commission to strategize how to proceed with the zoning rewrite.

The Selectboard hearing on the Plan will be Wednesday, July 21 at 7 pm at the Grange.

Zoning Bylaw Subcommittee update:

No meetings to report, as nothing can go forward until Plan is adopted or not.

Cindy noted that in addition to neighborhood meetings discussed last time, we will likely hold meetings on topics of common interest like home businesses, conservation strategies, etc. In light of the public comment received at the meeting on the impact of

new zoning on property values and taxes, we are considering holding a forum on that topic with experts from VLCT.

Other Business

Our next meeting will be held at 6 pm on September 7th. We will not meet in August.

Public Comment

Gail Sorenson requested that the Agenda for the PC meetings be posted on the website a few days before the meeting. It seems like the Friday before the meeting is a good day to shoot for, and Cindy will work with Corin to make this happen.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Catlin