

Dummerston Planning Commission
November 4, 2010 Convened 6:00 pm
DRAFT minutes

Present: Commission members: Cindy Wilcox, Reg Rockefeller, David Ryan, Elizabeth Catlin, and Steve Glabach, Absent: Corin Nelsen, Steve Mindel, Matthew Hoffman, Deb Forett. Selectboard: Andrew MacFarland, Tom Bodett, Greg Brown, Zeke Goodband. Charlotte Annis ZA

Guests: Jeff Nugent and Charlie Goodwin from the Windham Regional Commission

Windham Regional Commission Hearing on Town Plan

Hearing opened at 6:05 with the reading of the hearing notice. The WRC panel reviewing the plan consists of Charlie Goodwin, Edie Mas & Maggie Bartenhagen.

Charlie gave the comments of the panel, which the PC will receive in a formal memo at a later date. The consensus is that it is a very good Plan. The panel was favorably impressed with the Focus Areas in the Land Use chapter. Charlie specified some minor things that could be fixed or added in the next Plan, and asked some questions about certain topics like density determination meetings, how we are dealing with Home Occupations, and wetlands protection.

Jeff stated that the Plan is compatible with the plans of adjoining towns. He also suggested that other towns include an Implementation strategy, but noted that our Plan basically does that by assigning Action Steps to different town boards.

Tom Bodett asked what the process was from here, and Jeff explained that the Panel will finalize its comments in a memo which will go to the Planning Coordination Committee for review at its meeting on 11/17. The PCC would then send its recommendation for approval to the Full Commission to vote on at its meeting on 11/30.

Given that there was no further comment, the hearing adjourned at 6:42.

Planning Commission Meeting

Past Minutes for October were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Zoning Bylaw Subcommittee: Meeting on 11/9 at 7 pm. Concern about too many PC members on this subcommittee – there should not be more than 4.

Corridor Study Subcommittee: Selectboard is appointing members.

Historic Settlement Area Boundaries Subcommittee: The subcommittee plans for organizational meetings in January for each area.

Municipal Planning Grants: Elizabeth will talk to Susan about who from WRC would be assigned to work with us on zoning. It may not be a good fit, in which case we will apply for funds for mapping, clerical assistance and public meetings.

Budget: we will agree on a budget at the 12/7 meeting. Andrew MacFarland encouraged us to consider whether we need clerical support.

Procedures Manual: no report

Agriculture Subcommittee: no report

Other Business

Cindy reported that she will be attending meetings for the Valley Cares senior housing project at the Putney Inn. Reg said she is serving on the board of Valley Cares, so the PC will be well informed of the efforts there.

Reg was unable to attend the 10/28 VLCT conference and plans to reimburse the Town for the \$55 paid for her registration. David also didn't make it. Cindy and Charlotte did go, and said it wasn't as good as they had hoped.

Our next meeting will be held at 6 pm on Tuesday, December 7th at 6:00 pm at the Historical Society.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Catlin