

Dummerston Planning Commission
December 7, 2010 Convened 6:00 pm
DRAFT minutes

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

Past Minutes for November were approved unanimously.

Budget

Matthew asked for an initial explanation of the budget categories, which was provided by Steve M.

Charlotte said that 15 hours were adequate for her to handle applications and do some database input, so we did not raise her hours.

Of the categories, only the printing line items drew attention. Seems like printing costs have diminished as website use increases and because of the Town's new printer. So the amounts were dropped to \$200 each for PC and Zoning.

We also added a line item for Clerical/website and budgeted \$500. The clerical help would be for minutes-taking at public hearings and perhaps some filing. The issue of what to do about historical filings was discussed, but no strategy was devised.

We noted that the total budget represented a ~\$550 decrease from FY11.

The budget was moved and approved.

Town Report

The PC contribution to the Town Report is due 1/3/11. Cindy will write and focus on the Plan adoption. Will also mention MPG.

Committee Reports

Zoning Bylaw Subcommittee: Meeting on 12/14/10

Corridor Study Subcommittee: Selectboard has appointed Steve Glabach (Chair), Bev Tier, Greg Brown, Jack Manix, Bill Schmidt, and Mark Whittaker to serve. Matthew Hoffman was appointed, but is resigning so Lew Sorenson can serve. First meeting is 12/14/10

Historic Settlement Area Boundaries Subcommittee: The subcommittee plans for organizational meeting this winter.

Municipal Planning Grants: Application complete. Grants are awarded on 12/31/10

Procedures Manual: Deb created an Orientation handbook, because the existing Procedures didn't turn out to need work. Handbook includes information that would be useful to new commissioners. She will keep it for now. Matthew will look into getting the Procedures posted on the website.

Agriculture Subcommittee: no report

Other Business

We discussed the possibility of permits for events, to be part of the new zoning bylaw somehow. The impetus is Scott Farm, but the assumption is that it makes sense to address the events issue more generally. After discussion, we thought that it made sense to look into permits for public events that are significant in either frequency or number of attendees. Cindy will look into Putney's regs and permit application, and bring the issue to the Zoning subcommittee.

Our next meeting will be held at 6 pm on Tuesday, January 4th at 6:00 pm. We will look at the checklist of PC Action Steps set forth in the new Plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Catlin