

Dummerston Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

December 6, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the Dummerston Town Office by Cynthia Wilcox

Members Present: Rich Cogliano, Sam Farwell, Steve Glabach, Annamarie Pluhar, Bill Schmidt, Cynthia Wilcox

Absent: Andrew MacFarland, Deb Forett

Also present: Charlotte Annis, Maria Glabach, David Tansey, Jane Booth, Mark Whittaker, Gail Sorenson, Brenda Davis, Beverly Tier

1. Public Invited to make comments

No comments

2. Minutes/Meeting notes of November 22, 2011 (on website)

Sam suggests removing a line of text that is unnecessary. He moves the minutes are accepted as amended. Rich seconds. Motion passes.

3. Per request of the selectboard:

a. Recommendation for appointment/reappointment of zoning administrator

Cindy notes that "Charlotte is terrific." Steve moves to recommend to the Selectboard the reappointment of Charlotte Annis to another term as Zoning Administrator, Rich seconds. Motion passes.

b. Explanation of travel line item in budget request

Discussion of item, agreement to follow Selectboard recommendations to handle workshop travel expenses for workshops in the workshop line item, so that the travel item is \$50. Steve moves, Rich seconds. The motion passes.

4. Tansey/Kipling Road Letter

David Tansey speaks about the widening of Kipling Road and the damage that was done with the widening done by the Dummerston road crew. He gave the PC pictures (in our file) showing it. He asks that Kipling Road be repaired and suggests a joint meeting of Selectboard, DPC to walk the road and point out what has happened. Many of the changes are opposite the intention of the Town Plan. Asks that Kipling Road be declared a scenic road. Bill suggests a scenic roads committee be formed in cooperation with the Conservation Commission and with involvement by the Selectboard, town road foreman Lee Chamberlin, WRC transportation planner, District Highway Engineer, and perhaps others. Sam moves that the DCP create a sub-committee that Bill will lead. Annamarie seconds. The motion passes.

5. Zoning Updates

a. Special events – finalize language

Cindy thanks the members of the DCP who worked on a draft. Sam raises objection to Special events in the bylaw. Suggests that Special Events should be an ordinance rather than a bylaw because the bylaw is about land use and should be more about permanent changes not temporary occurrences. Bill moves to send the Special Events draft of 12/2 to the Selectboard. Steve seconds. Motion passes.

Gail points out that this still doesn't deal with agri-tourism.

b. District Uses Matrix

Tabled for now.

6. Reports from Implementation Taskforces

a. Final Report from Zoning Bylaw Committee

What kind of help do we have allotted to us from Windham Regional Commission. We are members of the 27 towns. Devote time to our issues. Adminster municipal planning grants. We are in the 5th planning grant. Cindy suggests that we have someone talk to us about what we have left to do. We have to concentrate on the districts, the density of the districts and their boundaries. We need status of the grant. There is a contract, work plan and ... Cindy will find out what time we are owed from the last grant.

b. Corridor Studies/Rtes 5 & 30

The subcommittee is wrapping up. It will meet next week jointly with Selectboard to talk about gravel pit on route 5. Preparing a draft report for the Planning Committee of the recommendations.

c. Home business

Rich moves to table, Annamarie seconds. Motion passes.

7. Other business

The Historical Society meets quarterly at the same time as our mid-month scheduled meeting. We need to find a new time. Annamarie agree to manage this by email.

Steve suggests we hear from Charlotte and Alan McBean at the meeting on Jan 3 to hear from the Zoning Administrators about the issues/problems in the current bylaw.

8. Next meeting: December 15, 2011

Agenda for the meeting:

- I. WRC presentation about where we stand in our grant, what still needs to be done and how to accomplish the work of describing districts and densities.
- II. Home Business

9. Adjourn

Steve motions to adjourn, Cindy seconds. Motion passes.

Submitted by Annamarie Pluhar