Dummerston Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

August 7, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the Church Basement by Sam Farwell

Members Present: Annamarie Pluhar, Cynthia Wilcox, Bill Schmidt, Sam Farwell, Beverly Tier, Andrew MacFarland, Steve Glabach

Also present:, Charlotte Annis, Greg Brown, Maria Glabach, Gail Sorenson, Jody Normandeau, Paul Normandeau, Lew Sorenson

Absent: Deb Forrett, Rich Cogliano

1. Minutes/Meeting notes of July 10, 2012

Steve motions to approve minutes with the correction of Claudia's name. Andrew seconds. Motion passes.

2. Public Invited to make comments

Agenda for this meeting wasn't posted on the website. Annamarie will check into this.

3. Variable Lot Size

Presentation by Greg Brown and Lew Sorenson.

4. Waivers Amendment

Andrew moves to accept the draft for public hearing. Cindy seconds. Discussion followed. Motion passes.

5. Special Events Amendment

Discussion of the definition of "agritourism." Decision to ask for input from the Farmland Committee. Further discussion is tabled for the next meeting.

6. Municipal Planning Grant Application

Andrew moves that the Dummerston Planning Commission support an application for a Municipal Planning Grant to be used for the purpose of preparing an amendment to the Town Plan and the Zoning Bylaw and map taking into account the work of the Corridor Committee. The goal would be 1) an amendment on the Town Plan and future Land Use Map regarding the land use in the corridors; and 2) an amendment to the Zoning Bylaws and Map regarding districts in the corridors. Beverly seconds. Motion passes.

7. Districts (time permitting)

No discussion.

8. Other Business

Charlotte reported on the Forum on Section 248 reviews and although the large projects that are covered under these reviews are not happening in Dummerston, our residents are installing large solar arrays that are connected to the grid and these applications to PSB have only minimal review. WRC is planning to have a meeting of interested parties to see if the application process can include more useful information for the Town and the neighbors.

Items for next meeting: Special Events amendment; more work on districts

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 4th, 6:30, Town Office.

Submitted by Annamarie Pluhar