

PLANNING BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 8, 2015
Judge Welsh Room
6:00 P.M.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Members Present: Grace Ryder-O'Malley, Brandon Quesnell, Ryan Campbell, Jim Woods, Mark Weinress and John Golden.

Members Absent: none.

Staff: Gloria McPherson, Town Planner.

Chair Golden called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Public Hearings

Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss potential Zoning Bylaw and General Bylaw amendments and priorities for Fall Town Meeting 2015 and Spring Town Meeting 2016.

Ms. McPherson reviewed her staff report to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Planning Board's ideas for potential Zoning and General Bylaw amendments.

Board of Selectmen Chair Tom Donegan asked Planning Board Chair Golden if the Planning Board has discussed priorities.

Mr. Golden explained that everything on the list in the staff report has been discussed by the Planning Board, including housing and curb cuts, and the Board has some priorities.

Mr. Quesnell added that the Planning Board is here to see how the Planning Board and the BOS can work together to come up with an order of priority. He would like to work together to hash out all the issues before Town Meeting.

Mr. Donegan asked if the Planning Board would like to do a joint public hearing with the BOS on proposed zoning amendments before Town Meeting.

Mr. Golden said not necessarily, but there needs to be a public education process, whether or not that includes a joint public hearing.

The Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen discussed and agreed upon the following potential amendments to the Zoning and/or General Bylaws:

- Inclusionary Housing and Incentive Zoning for fall, or perhaps spring, Town Meeting; the BOS wondered if the Incentive Zoning part could be stripped out to make it easier for the public to understand; the Planning Board felt that was an important component
- Curb Cuts – to be handled by the Planning Board rather than the BOS, as it is currently in the General Bylaws
- Planning Board to be “Commissioners of the Park” instead of the BOS
- Bike Racks – up to the Planning Board if they want to tackle this one again

There was a motion by Mr. Quesnell to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 8:37 pm. Ms. Ryder-O’Malley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria McPherson

Approved by _____ on _____, 2015
John Golden, Chair