

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
May 23, 2018

APPROVED:

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AGENDA: WORKSHOP: TOWN-WIDE SURVEY, ZONING AMENDMENTS

ATTENDING: Clay Dingman (Vice-Chairman), Don Milbrand (Sel. Rep.), Dan Paradis, Betty Seeler

ABSENT: Denice DeStefano (Chairman – away), Sathesh Mina (alternate)

OTHER: Liz Kelly (Bristol Planner)

The meeting opened at 7:00p.m. with a quorum and Mr. Dingman as acting chairman.

MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2018; The following amendments and clarifications were made:
Page 1, next to last paragraph, line 1, replace “COMPLAINCE” with “COMPLIANCE”. Page 3, last paragraph, last line, replace “consider defining” with “redefine”. Page 4, 5th paragraph, 5th line, delete “circuit writing” and replace with “temporary planning services”. Following “us” add “for a fee”. Under “Other”, last line, replace “use” with “us”.

E. Seeler made a motion, second by D. Paradis, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

WORKSHOP: TOWN-WIDE SURVEY

Mr. Dingman explained that we are to review and update the 2013 Community Opinion Survey. Following some discussion, it was felt that the survey should go out no sooner than Labor Day. Perhaps the announcement card could go out the end of August.

The Board then went through each question on the 2013 survey. They determined to keep #1, 2, 3, & 4 as is. #5 = It was suggested that we eliminate the Police and Town Offices as these may be addressed before the survey comes out. It was suggested that we keep Fire and add the Highway Garage. It was thought that we say something about making improvements to Police, Fire, Town Offices, and Highway and then how the residents feel that it would be best to pay. It was mentioned that a grant might change folks mind about an improvement as compared to having to fund the whole project.

#6, 7, 8, 9 keep. Accessory Dwelling Units were mentioned but thought to be able to be under some of the other categories listed. #9a. Further construction in or near the Village was brought up but determined to leave in as, though most of the area is built up, things could change. #10. Brought up a discussion of building codes versus enforcement of building codes. Though more folks seem to be leaning toward building codes, it was wondered if there is opposition to building codes, enforcement, or bureaucracy. It was felt we need to learn why folks are for or against. #11e. is to be removed as we now have Architectural Standards. #12 keep. #13 & 15 are to be deleted and #12 & 14 are to be combined. #16 & 17 keep. Eliminate #18. #19. It was suggested that we add hiking/biking trails, a Pemi-river kayaking ramp, and winter sports.

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WORKSHOP/SURVEY continued:

#20. A discussion questioned how to possibly limit gas stations or dollar stores (which we have enough of). It was mentioned that we might need to define home occupation to how many for one residence. It was felt that home occupation needs redefining in the Zoning Ordinance. We need to consider front yard displays for these, as well, it was suggested. #21-27 keep. It was mentioned that it is useful to follow the trend. #28 & 29 are to be kept also. #30 Add downtown, Kelley Park, and Library parking as well. #31c. Remove Kelley Park and leave as just a dog park. Keep #32, 33, and 34.

A discussion was held on the subject of finding it hard to get volunteers. Impact fees were also mentioned. Mr. Dingman will put together a draft according to the discussion tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS: -----

REPORTS:

HDC - No meeting.

SELECTMEN – They have an estimate on the Medical building and the Space Needs will be meeting again.

CIP - -----

LAND USE – The town attorney is to get back to us by the end of the week in regard to the Turner appeal. The Board noted that the appeal is only for the process only, not the actual site.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7:00pm. On the agenda is the compliance hearing for Vacation Paradise.

Due to the time, C. Dingman moved to adjourn at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Laferriere,
Land Use Admin. Assistant