



Town of Plymouth

Planning Board Meeting
Plymouth Town Hall
Plymouth, NH 03264

June 4, 2015

APPROVED-09-03-15

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Kelly, Steve Whitman, Rebecca Hanson (ConCom Rep), Bill Bolton (Selectman's Rep.), Stephen Rhodes (Alternate)

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Penney, Plymouth Town Planner

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mike Ahern (Chair), Steve Whitman

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Stephen Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call of members was completed.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- Minutes from April 2, 2015:
 - Mr. John Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Bill Bolton. All in favor.
- Minutes from April 16, 2015:
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Rebecca Hanson. All in favor.
- Minutes from April 23, 2015:
 - Ms. Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Bolton. All in favor.
- Minutes from May 21, 2015:
 - Mr. Bolton made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Kelly. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ms. Sharon Penney distributed a copy of an advertisement from the Record Enterprise.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- Continuation of Master Plan Discussion:
 - Ms. Tara Bamford led a discussion about the visioning session concerning the master plan. She'd like to discuss what a master plan is, and ask residents questions, for instance, what characteristics in the area do they value most.
 - Mr. Kelly recommends that local businesses, both small and large, come to the visioning session to discuss economic development.
 - Ms. Bamford suggested that a subcommittee be created in order to work on the master plan. Members would be appointed by the Planning Board.
 - Mr. Kelly and Mr. Rhodes agree that they'd like the Planning Board to promote the visioning session and the master plan subcommittee in the local newspaper.
 - Ms. Bamford inquired whether there's been changes to the natural heritage in the community, for instance, change in excavation. Also, whether any changes have been made to agricultural land.
 - Ms. Penney does not believe that any changes have been made to natural heritage and agricultural land.
 - Ms. Bamford inquired whether the Planning Board has attempted to steer growth to make some zones lower density and others higher density.
 - Ms. Penney stated that there was an effort a few years ago, but the amendment failed. Ultimately, she does not believe other efforts have been made.
 - Ms. Bamford inquired whether the Planning Board has strengthened lighting regulations.
 - Ms. Bamford inquired whether the master plan didn't reflect the community's needs and wants, and whether the master plan is too complex.
 - Ms. Hanson suggested that while the master plan is being developed, the subcommittee should meet with the Planning Board in order to check each other's work.
 - Ms. Bamford inquired whether continuing to improve roadways on Green Street, Highland Street, Merrill Street, Russell Street, Langdon Street and Pleasant Street.
 - The Planning Board agrees that improving public roadways is still very important to the town. However, Merrill Street and Russell have been fixed.
 - Ms. Bamford inquired whether Parker Street, Cummings Hill Road and Foster Street still need to be configured.
 - Ms. Penney stated that all, except Foster Street, are being taken care of currently.
 - Ms. Bamford inquired whether the Planning Board has targeted areas for commercial development.
 - Mr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Ahern made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Bolton. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE:

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Respectfully Submitted,
Jaseya Girona