

**Planning & Zoning Commission
Regulations Committee - Village District Sub-Committee
Minutes – June 14, 2010
AMENDED**

Present: Torrance Downes, Janet Edgerton, Nancy Fischbach, Peter Howard, Cathie Jefferson, Jane Samuels

The Village District Sub-Committee meeting convened at 3:35 pm in the small meeting room at Town Hall.

1. Future Meetings: First order of business was to review committee member's availability for meetings. Nancy will review results and advise as to any meetings which will need to be cancelled.
2. Focus Groups: Cathy summarized her impressions of the focus groups and all concurred with her findings that
 - 1) the concept was well received
 - 2) there was little debate on the individual uses
 - 3) most of the controversy centered on the mixed uses off Main St.
 - 4) residential property owners wanted the district as large as possible
3. Boundaries: Cathy presented a map she drafted considering what she had heard at the meetings, decreasing the Mixed Use Village off Main St. and including the western side of Union St. in the Residential Village. It was seen as a reasonable middle of the road map and will be identified with a map title between "D" and "R" and refined at the next meeting for inclusion in future presentations, probably as the "recommended" district map. In addition, her use of colors instead of cross-hatching was easier to read than earlier versions.
4. General Informational Meeting: Wednesday, September 22 was selected as the date for the open informational meeting, with Nancy to check on the availability of the Town Hall auditorium. The specific materials, both for display and handout, will be discussed at future sub-committee meetings.
5. Outreach: Nancy will send letters to those boards and groups which had been invited to the first Focus Group to see if they would like a member of the sub-committee to make a presentation on the proposal at one of their own meetings. Letters will be sent to the Library board and the Lions club as well as they were not on the original list.
6. Drafting Regulations: Torrance advised that he will be able to begin drafting the Village District regulations and charge the balance of hours available to Deep River for FY 2009/2010. It was agreed that the regulations are not needed for the 9/22 public informational meeting, especially since proposal may change depending on the input the sub-committee receives at that meeting, but Torrance can begin with the general text.
7. Next meeting: The next meeting of the Village District Sub-Committee will be at 3:30 on Monday, July 12.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Fischbach

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