

Deerfield Planning Board

January 6, 2010

***APPROVED* Minutes**

Joint Meeting of Planning Board and Select Board

Meeting Opened: 6:06 P.M. at Deerfield Municipal Offices.

Members Present: Paul Allis, John Baronas, Lynn Rose, Roger Sadoski, Elizabeth Schmitt,
John Waite - Chair

Select Board Members Present: Carolyn Ness, Mark Gilmore, John Paciorek

Members Absent: Max Antes

Others Present: John Lowe, Peter LaBarbera, Richard Calisewski, Jon Lowe, Daren Gray, Steve
Schechterle, Peter LaBarbara, Ralph Healy, Bob Dunn, Robert Decker, Stacy Metzger,
Peggy Sloan, Pat Smith

Public Information Session on Proposed Changes to Zoning Bylaw

Mr. Waite explained that the Select Board had been invited to participate in this meeting and reported that three requests for zoning changes in the recent two years have highlighted concerns about the lack of a clear plan for the development of land in the study area. He reported that Town Meeting authorized \$10,000 for a review of the zoning bylaw and that the Planning Board had contracted with planners from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to guide a review that has been underway for the past nine months or so. Mr. Waite reported that the goal of the review is to ensure that zoning reflects the needs of the Town. Mr. Waite reported that the Planning Board had publicized the meeting widely and urged the television audience to send their input by email or phone to the contact information posted on the television screen. Mr. Waite introduced Ms. Sloan and Ms. Smith, Planners from the Franklin Council of Governments and Ms. Sloan made a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed changes to the zoning bylaw. (The slides from the PowerPoint presentation and a compilation by Ms. Sloan and Ms. Smith of the public comments made following Ms. Sloan's presentation are attached.)

Mr. Waite reported that the Planning Board intends to ensure that the revisions to the zoning bylaw represent the needs of the Town and that the Planning Board will continue to address the matter. He reported that the Planning Board will present the proposed changes at a public hearing in March and that passage of the final proposal will require a two-thirds vote by Annual Town Meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday 2/1/10 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion: Ms. Schmitt moved to adjourn. Mr. Sadoski seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Herold