

Planning Board Minutes –
Meeting – October 6, 2014

Present: Paul Allis, John Baronas, Roger Sadoski, Kip Komosa, Rachel Blain
Absent: John Waite, Max Antes

The meeting, held at 8 Conway Street, So. Deerfield, was called to order by John Baronas at 7:00 pm with a reading of the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes of the September 3rd meeting were approved in a motion made by Rachel Blain and seconded by Kip Komosa.

Mail: Mail was reviewed.

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

DEDIC – proposed zoning change: Present: Paul Olszewski, Chairman of DEDIC

Mr. Olszewski, Chairman of DEDIC, presented a letter from counsel advising that prior to proceeding with a request for zoning changes DEDIC should revise its economic development plan. The current plan is more than 35 years old and no longer fits the current economic conditions. Once a revised plan has been completed it needs to be accepted by a Town Meeting vote. This issue will be first on the December agenda.

Housing Production Plan: Ms. Smith began her presentation of zoning changes to be addressed to make the housing production plan workable. Board of Selectmen Chair Carolyn Ness interrupted to say she was not supportive of the plan to create affordable housing stating that it is not going in the direction desired. Truly affordable housing for seniors in small clusters about town is her vision. It would not meet the Chapter 40B requirements for affordable housing, but it would better suit the needs of the town. The housing would be such that an elder would pay 1/3 of his/she social security for housing. She said the town has the money, surplus property, and CPA money available; she feels there is no reason why some kind of partnership can't be established to make this work.

New Business:

Two ANR's were listed on the agenda, however neither was ready for presentation.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be November 3rd @ 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Komosa, seconded by Ms. Blain, and voted, to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps

Documents: DEDIC letter (Felicity Hardee)