

2-26-2008

Essex Long Term Planning Committee

Chairman Robert Teel called the meeting to order at 7:10PM. Members in attendance were the Chairman, Gordon Martin, Ray Randall, Pete Silva, Mike French, Sue Lufkin, Bob Coviello, Tom Guertner, Ed Howard, Westley Burnham, Andrew St. John.

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 18 and January 22 meetings.

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Tom Ellsworth, a proponent of a proposed bylaw creating an agricultural and residential overlay district in the north end of town, to be presented to Town Meeting in May, came to the meeting to ask for the committee's approval and endorsement of the proposal. After much lively discussion, it was decided that our committee charge does not permit us to approve or disapprove of any plans other than those of our own formulation. Westley Burnham moved that the LTPC "not oppose or endorse any petitions at the May 2008 Town Meeting." It was seconded by Bob Coviello. The committee voted 10 to 0 to approve the motion. Andrew St. John abstained.

The committee reviewed the Chairman's enclosed budget request of the Essex Finance Committee for working money for our future planning needs. As we now have a \$1500.00 appropriation to be used only for formulating, printing and mailing a town wide survey, the committee discussed further funding for other necessities as we work toward our goals and the survey. It was explained by Gordon Martin, Fin Com representative, that they may approve a small amount of money, but not the \$5000.00 requested. A discussion about the need for outside professional help and related costs was held with no conclusion, other than that whatever gets done should have no monetary cost associated with it, as the Town's budget is very tight. It was decided to hold off on the request at this time, as suggested by Ray Randall.

It was decided to hold a longer workshop on March 25, from 4:00 to 8:00pm at the Senior Center. Westley Burnham discussed the use of the previously paid for and accepted Community Development plan done in 2004. It was moved by Ray Randall and seconded by Ed Howard, for a Committee vote to accept the MAPC Plan as our primer/guideline. The committee so voted unanimously. The members will come to the meeting having thoroughly studied the CDP, which will show our "Big Ideas" and work on four areas of significant concern (Affordable Housing, Transportation, Open Space, Economic Development) using a grid devised by Andrew St. John. Andrew will email the grid to all members before the meeting. Other issues, such as funding town government and the Conomo Point issue will be discussed as they come up during this session and in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lufkin

Robert Teel

From: Jeffrey Soulard [jeff@soulardcpa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2008 8:32 AM
To: Robert Teel
Cc: 'Roxanne Tieri'
Subject: RE: FY09 LTPC Budget Request

Roxanne,
Please update the budget to reflect the information below. Thank You

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Sent: 01/31/2008 4:03 PM
To: jeff@soulardcpa.com
Cc: Brendhan Zubricki
Subject: FY09 LTPC Budget Request

Dear Jeff,

As chair of the Long Term Planning Committee, I am submitting the following budget request for 2008-2009. The committee is off to a good start and my goal is to deliver a completed report to the selectmen by the spring of 2009. The committee's request (\$5,000.00) breaks down as follows:

1.	Administrative Cost	=	\$1,500.00
2.	Survey Construction, Analysis and Dissemination	=	\$1,500.00
3.	Consultants/Facilitators	=	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL	=	\$5,000.00

Thank you,

Bob Teel

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