

PLANNING BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2007

PLACE: TOWN HALL BANQUET ROOM

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Fleurent

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Quorum/Attendance

Members Not Present – Timothy Cox, Albert Borges

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

B. Acceptance of Minutes –

Wayne Hayward motioned to accept the minutes to the December 12, 2006 meeting. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

C. Planning Board Bills – None

1.) Staples - \$176.40 – Office Supplies

James Holmes motioned to pay this bill. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

D. Receipt of Plans –

1.) Special Permit – Rochester's Restaurant – 136 Huttleston Avenue (Modify) (2/13/07)

Gary Staffon motioned to accept the plans and set the Public Hearing for February 13, 2007. James Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

E. Approval of Plans – None

F, Other – None

G. FY08 Budget – Review Proposed FY08 Budget

William Roth – Some members wanted to look at doing a town wide survey. The Town Clerk gave me the company that she uses for the census. For the whole job, printing, folding, stuffing, return envelopes and mailing would cost between \$2,400.00 to \$2,700.00. We would use the Town Clerk's database.

Wayne Hayward – What are we asking the community?

William Roth- I was going to take the last survey, look at it and get some suggestions from my fellow planners and present it to you. I don't know what it looks like. I was asked to find out the cost.

Marinus Vander Pol – I think a tri-fold should be printed with questions on both sides. It should go by age, household income and numerous other ways. We did get an outstanding return. Close to 30+%. That's the kind of quality I'd be looking for.

Chairman Fleurent – The last one was very reasonable. Do we want a complete master plan of everything? There is a need to update it, especially as far as schools go. Our subdivision

regulations aren't bad. Fairhaven hasn't grown like other communities because of our land. There are a lot of wetlands.

William Roth- Do you want to request this as capital outlay?

Marinus Vander Pol- I would support 50% higher to have an outside consultant help us.

Wayne Hayward – I think we know the town well enough for some pointed questions.

William Roth- I assumed we would do it with SRPEDD's assistance.

Marinus Vander Pol – I thought we spent at least \$3,000.00 ten years ago.

Chairman Fleurent - I would put down \$6,000.00.

Marinus Vander Pol motioned the figure of \$6,000.00 for the survey and a total of \$13,050.00 for the total budget. James Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

H. Town Meeting (2007) – Review Proposed Articles

William Roth - In light of us forwarding an article for the master plan, knowing it wouldn't be passed, but bringing the issue to the forefront, I have attached a proposed article.

Marinus Vander Pol - Be prepared for a debate about us bringing this up too many times. But it was the third time we got it the last time.

Wayne Hayward – There will be questions asked as to why we're not going after grants for a master plan.

William Roth- There are none available right now.

Marinus Vander Pol motioned to approve the following article for Town Meeting:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of \$125,000.00 to fund a comprehensive update of the Town's 1996 Master Plan. Petitioned by the Planning Board.

James Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

William Roth – I included the department's/board's report for the town meeting booklet if anyone has any additions or deletions.

Discussion ensued about the other town meeting article concerning wind turbine height and shifting some of the purview from the Planning Board to the ZBA as well as mixed-use setbacks (possible changes).

Discussion ensued regarding the town's sign bylaw and possible changes.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

III. WORK SESSION

1.) Review Proposed New Subdivision Regulations

Discussion ensued regarding subdivision regulations. The Board recommended minor text changes. At the end of the discussion, there was a debate as to storm water regulations. In

particular, the debate concerned underground facilities. It was decided that a re-write of the storm water regulations was a separate issue that required more technical support with an engineer.

Gary Staffon motioned to set a public hearing for subdivision regulations for March 13, 2007. James Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

James Holmes motioned to adjourn. Wayne Hayward seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Pelland, Secretary
To the Planning Board