



## PLANNING BOARD

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PVPC is PUPA  
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October 22, 2012

Members: Pam Desjardins, Chairman  
Lisa Anderson, Vice Chair  
James Trompke, PVP  
Kevin Brooks, Secretary

Others Present:

Absent: Joseph Maheu, Lillian Camus

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pam Desjardins, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

- Jim Trompke made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for September 11, 2012, Lisa Anderson seconded, Kevin Brooks abstained. 3-0-1
- Jim Trompke made a motion to accept the Release of Bond for CVS, pending a letter from the Building Inspector stating his final approval. Lisa Anderson seconded the motion. 4-0-0.
- Jim Trompke stated that in regards to the Open Space Plan, that it is now a mute point for our approval to the Select Board, that they have already gone ahead with it.

### NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION:

### APPOINTMENTS

- The Board met with Christopher Curtis and Larry Smith from the Pioneer Valley Planning <sup>Authority</sup> Commission. The Board invited the PVP<sup>A</sup> to come and discuss the options for our Planning Board and what the PVP<sup>A</sup> can do for our Town.

The Planning Board gave Mr. Curtis and Mr. Smith (PVP) a general lists of some of the things we as a Board would like to have help accomplishing. Such as; Finishing our Sign Bylaw, Re-Zoning of New Ludlow Road and Rt. 202 by Cindy's with pre-existing non-conforming lots, consulting our Board on a day to day operations, property maintenance bylaw.

Pam Dejardin states that she believes that Christopher Martin, Town Administrator and Emery Everen are working on completing the Town's Master Plan.

Mr. Curtis states some ideas that they have which could help our Town and the Planning Board follow through with ideas and projects. Number 1 being; apply for their District Technical Assistance/State Grant, which will help with development of rezoning, economic strategies, update our Master Plan when needed. Number 2; allowing the PVP to act as a consultant when dealing with other Boards, hire a part-time planner which will assist in grant writing, community block grants, give us access to GIS mapping services. Number 3; free assistance from the PVP where it is available, write the zoning and taylor it to our community, regional plan, including Valley Vision, which include smart growth, enhance community, and protect open space.

Mr. Smith handed the Board a copy of a letter that was sent on May 23, 2011 to the Town's select board regarding hiring a professional planning service to provide our Planning Board a higher level of technical assistance. No one on this Board remembers ever seeing this letter or being talked about. The second document that went to the Town's Select Board was a typed agreement for Local Planning Assistance for FY2009 with the Town of Granby Planning Board. This document also was never seen by the Planning Board members attending this meeting. Jim Trompke stated that he remembers the Town voting for a part-time planner and allocated a certain amount of money towards that position.

Mr. Curtis stated that whatever needs <sup>the</sup> our Planning Board seeks, that the PVP will be willing to help us with. Jim Trompke stated that he did not want an intern, and Mr. Smith stated that we would be getting an experienced planner.

Pam Desjardin said that she will go talk to Kathy Kelly Regan and find out when and what exactly was voted on at the Town meeting in the past and talk to Chris Martin and find out where that money is now. Pam will also tell Chris Martin that the Planning Board wants to follow through with that plan and would like to meet with the Select Board and discuss it further.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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- Kevin Brooks stated that the week of Thanksgiving, the Town Hall at Aldrich Hall will be moving to the COA complex.
- **New and Continued Action Items**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Letter to PVPC, regarding their District Technical Assistant Grant, pending an email from Mr. Curtis.	Pam	Next Meeting
Talk to Kathy Kelly Regan for info on past Town votes regarding Town Planner position	Pam	Next Meeting
Talk to Chris Martin regarding Town Planner position, and meeting with Select Board	Pam	Next Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. by Kevin Brooks and seconded by Jim Trompke. Motion carried 4-0-0.

I, Lisa A. Anderson, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the September 22, 2012 Planning Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Anderson  
Secretary