

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

DATE: March 22, 2012
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: Fire Station
FOR: Regular meeting
PRESENT: Jonathan Hankin, Chairman; Suzanne Fowle Schroeder; Ethan Culleton;
Richard Dohoney
Brandee Nelson, Associate member
Chris Rembold, Town Planner

Mr. Hankin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

FORM A'S:

Michael Parsons from Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Associates, was present with a Form A application on behalf of Stonepath Development Inc. for two parcel of land located on the west side of Burning Tree Road. The purpose of the Form A is a lot line adjustment as the house was built too close to the property line. Lot 3 contains 7.037 acres of land. Lot 4 contains 13.199 acres of land.

Mr. Dohoney made a motion to endorse the Form A as submitted, Mr. Culleton seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Parsons presented a Form A on behalf of Judith Rapping for two parcels located on the west side of Prospect Street. Lot one contains 10,001 square feet of land. Lot two contains 12, 656.65 square feet of land.

Mr. Dohoney made a motion to endorse the Form A as submitted, Ms. Schroeder seconded, all in favor.

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Mr. Dohoney made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2012 as written, Ms. Schroeder seconded, all in favor.

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

Mr. Rembold said the applicant, Ena Café, withdrew its request for Site Plan Review.

APPOINTMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE:

Mr. Rembold said Mr. Musgrove has been away quite a bit so he requested to have his seat on the Master Plan Committee filled by one of the other Board members. Mr. Culleton indicated that he would be willing to fill the seat.

Mr. Dohoney made a motion for Mr. Culleton to fill Mr. Musgrove's seat on the Master Plan Committee, Ms. Schroeder seconded, all in favor.

TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rembold said the Selectmen will hear an update on the Main Street project on Monday, March 26.

Mr. Hankin said the Tree Committee met with the design team for the Main Street project to make suggestions on the species of trees to be planted on Main Street. He said the meeting went smoothly and the revised drawing will reflect the changes. He said the Tree Committee pushed for diversity in the types of trees to be used.

Mr. Rembold said a small Technical Assistance grant was received through the help of BRPC to look at Housatonic. He said BRPC will look at the existing parcels in Housatonic, how they do or don't conform to existing zoning. It needs to be determined how zoning works or doesn't work in Housatonic and what grants and incentives might be available to pursue.

Mr. Hankin asked if there is a zone that works for Housatonic.

Mr. Rembold said he is not sure he will look at it.

Mr. Hankin said perhaps R-3, the smallest zone works.

Mr. Rembold said the scope of the project is everything west of the river. He said the funds are limited but a good base line of data will be helpful to the Master Plan Committee to move forward.

Mr. Rembold suggested the Board might want to hold their next meeting in Housatonic.

Ms. Schroeder said she thinks the Housatonic Community Center is busy with the Children's Attic that week.

Mr. Rembold said he would check.

Ms. Schroeder said she had an e-mail regarding Pulse and parking concerns. Fred Clark expressed concerns about parking on the street by those using or dropping off at Pulse. He said it is a dangerous situation to have the parking on the street.

Mr. Rembold said he is not sure what is going on at Pulse there is nothing before the Planning Board.


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Ms. Schroeder said she thinks they might be sharing parking but when they have completed their renovations they may need more.

Mr. Rembold said he would try to find out more information for the next meeting.

Mr. Hankin said without objection we stand adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Kimberly L. Shaw
Planning Board Secretary

