

Lyme Planning Board Minutes
May/31/2012

Board Members and Staff Present: David Roby, Chair; John Stadler, Vice Chair; Simon Carr, Select Board Representative; Vicki Smith, Member; Tim Cook, Member; Sam Greene, Alternate; Jack Elliott, Alternate; David Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Board Members Absent: Freda Swan, Alternate; Ben Kilham, Alternate

Members of the Public Present: None

The Board had recently released the first draft of the 2012 master plan and hosted 3 public hearings. The Board decided to call an extra meeting to discuss the comments and form a plan to review and possibly incorporate the comments received during the hearings.

Chairman Roby opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

The Board reviewed the comments and found five areas that consistently came up at all the public hearings. The Board felt that these areas needed further investigating:

- 1) The plan appears to be negative
- 2) Work force, moderate income and elderly housing
- 3) Development of RT 10 south of the common
- 4) Commercial development
- 5) Agriculture in Lyme.

During the discussion of the of Agriculture the subject of recent decision of the Zoning Board in regards to the Mill Gardens approval (see ZBA case 2011-ZB-102) Chairman Roby stated that an appeal to superior court had been filed and started to advise the Planning Board of his belief that the Zoning Board had erred in their decision.

The Zoning Administrator interrupted the Chairman and stated that at this time the Town had not received any notice from the court and that this discussion was inappropriate for this meeting especially if a suit had been filed and asked the Chairman to withhold his comments.

The discussion then turned back to reviewing the public comments.

Simon said there are instances where the recommendations in the document do not match the information in the Community Attitude Survey. The Board agreed that wherever that's the case the Plan needs to change to reflect the actual information or otherwise the Board needs to justify and explain any deviation from the Survey. Simon said he would provide a list of the errors.

Chairman Roby volunteered to revise the current document based on the input received at the three hearings. The Board agreed to review the changes, and make revisions. A new draft document would then be released to the public for additional comments.

The Planning and Zoning Administrator will add a page to the Town's web site to provide new information about the Master Plan as it becomes available. He will also send out a notice from the Planning Board thanking all the people who attended the hearings and submitted comments, also stating over the summer the Board will be working on a revision of the document. The Board also wanted to remind the Town's residents that even though the first round of hearings were over, they can still submit comments through the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted
David A. Robbins
Lyme Planning and Zoning Administrator.