Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2013

Milton Planning Board

The thirteenth meeting of the Milton Planning Board for fiscal year 2014 was on Thursday, December 12th 2013 in the John Cronin Conference Room, Milton Town Office Building.

In attendance were Planning Board members Alexander Whiteside-Chairman, Edward L. Duffy, Emily Keys Innes, Michael Kelly, Planning Director William Clark and Administrative Clerk Jean Peterson. Member Bernard J. Lynch, III was absent from the meeting.

1. Administrative Items

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes of December 3, 2013 and scheduled the next meeting for January 2, 2014.

2. Citizens Speak

There were no citizens present to address the Board.

3. New Business

• 290 Granite Avenue – ANR

Chairman Whiteside made a motion to authorize Town Planner William Clark to endorse the 290 Granite Ave. ANR plan as subdivision approval not required. The Board voted all in favor.

Updated Town Zoning Map for May Town Meeting

The Town Planner presented the new zoning maps, created by Town Engineer Alan Bishop, for the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Bed & Breakfast Zoning language

The Board discussed the issue of whether to allow the operation of bed and breakfasts in Milton. Parking, noise, health matters, policing, length of stays and whether the bed and breakfasts should be owner- occupied were some of the topics of discussion. Chairman Whiteside and Member Kelly raised various concerns. Member Duffy stated his opposition. Member Innes advocated for allowing bed and breakfast establishments stating that Milton has many attractions (educational/medical facilities, Blue Hills, proximity to Boston. She stated that she will have a sample document of the zoning language for review at the January 2nd meeting. Mr. Duffy asked that citizens interested in pursuing a bed and breakfast should contact Mr. Clark.

4. Old Business

• 35-50 Eliot Street, Milton Hill Apartments, (spruce tree replacement)

Chairman Whiteside stated that he is awaiting the opinions of the neighborhood association relative to the possible replacement of the blue spruce tree in front of the Henry House.

• Blue Hills Bank – 480 Adams Street, Site Plan Approval

The Board signed the Site Plan Approval decision for Blue Hills Bank located at 480 Adams Street.

5. Other Business

Master Plan Update

Member Innes informed the Board at the previous meeting that the Master Plan Consultants plan to work with the Milton Schools' Art students to create a logo for the Master Plan. She announced that a contest would be held for the best entry and that the Town Administrator agreed to feature the winning entry on the cover of the Town of Milton Annual Report.

Housing Production Plan

The Board discussed affordable housing locations and ways to identify suitable parcels within Town. Town Planner William Clark provided a map which he has been working on for that purpose. Member Innes suggested holding a future public forum relative to the matter after the map is refined. Discussion on the matter will be resumed in January.

• Medical Marijuana

The Board discussed medical marijuana dispensaries and production facilities. Key issues discussed were the growing, production, packaging and selling of medical marijuana. Chairman Whiteside stated that the production and sale of medical marijuana must be in separate locations. The Board addressed the hardship criteria which would allow individuals to grow their own marijuana *under certain circumstances*. Chairman Whiteside and Member Innes informed the Board that more information would be compiled in preparation for the January 2nd meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.
Edward L. Duffy
Secretary