

Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2013

Joint meeting of Milton Planning Board & Master Plan Committee

The fifth meeting of the Milton Planning Board and first meeting of the Master Plan Committee for fiscal year 2014 was held on September 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Carol Blute Conference Room, Milton Town Office Building.

In attendance were Planning Board members Alexander Whiteside-Chairman, Edward L. Duffy, Emily Keys Innes, Michael L. Kelly, Bernard J. Lynch, III, Planning Director William Clark, Administrative Clerk Jean M. Peterson and the Master Plan Committee.

1. Administrative Tasks

The Board postponed the approval of the Minutes of August 22nd. The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for September 26th.

2. Citizen Speak

Vicki McCarthy, a member of the Milton Women's Club read a letter written by Mary Harkins Sullivan also a member of the Milton Women's Club regarding the demolition of the Club. She provided information describing the charitable mission of the Club. The letter stated that some Board members had not been notified of the developer's offer to purchase the property, and therefore had not been able to cast a vote. The letter asked the Planning Board for a fair hearing and a decision to do what is best for the Town and its residents.

3. New Business

Discussion - 90 Reedsdale Road; how to address the future stormwater issues.

The Town Planner distributed packets to the Board members relative to the proposed 4-house subdivision at 90 Reedsdale Road. He explained that there is more stormwater review than the DPW had anticipated and that there should be third-party review, to be paid for by the developer. Chairman Whiteside made a motion for third party review by Lisa Eggleston. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Member Innes submitted a *Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest* pursuant to M.G.L.c.268A, Chap. 23 (b)(3). She filed with the Town Clerk's office. Ms. Innes disclosed that she has no financial interest as a Planning Board member participating in the Master Plan process, although she and her firm have had relationships with one or more of the firms responding to the RFP for the second phase of the Master Plan process.

Interviews – respondents for consulting services for Phase 2 of the Master Plan.

The Board conducted interviews with representatives from *Community Circle*, *VHB* and *Brown Walker*. Daphne Politis, Project Manager from Community Circle explained their project approach, goals and key vision for Phase II. She described key elements for public engagement and creative approaches to planning. Vannasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) described the advantages of their award-winning firm which include an experienced staff, creative public outreach, solid commitment and integrated approach to develop and implement a Master Plan. Brown Walker, partnered with Howard/Stein Hudson presented and explained their responsive, flexible and analytical approach to reaching their objective. They addressed the public outreach process and explained transect-based land use planning. The Planning Board and Master Plan Committee held a follow-up discussion following the presentations. Member Duffy made a motion to choose VHB subject to reference checks. Since the Board was divided between whether to select VHB or Community Circle, the motion was tabled until the September 26th meeting so that reference checks could be conducted and further information secured.

4. Adjournment

Member Innes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Edward L. Duffy
Secretary