

Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2014

Milton Planning Board

The fifteenth meeting of the Milton Planning Board for fiscal year 2014 was on Thursday, January 23th 2014 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, Bernard J. Lynch, III, Planning Director William Clark and Administrative Clerk Jean Peterson. Member Michael E. Kelly was absent from the meeting.

1. Administrative Items:

Member Duffy paid tribute to Milton lifelong Milton resident Joseph G. Graziani, Jr. who died on January 18th. He recognized Mr. Graziani for many years of service to the Town of Milton and to his country and asked the Board to pause for a moment of silence.

The Board approved as amended the Minutes of December 12, 2013 and postponed the approval of the January 9, 2014 Minutes. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board is on February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Carol Blute Conference Room. A Public Hearing will be held at 7 p.m. to discuss seven Zoning Articles for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting. The Board encouraged residents to attend. Full text on each Article may be found on the Town of Milton Planning Board website. The Board will also meet for a regularly scheduled meeting on February 27th at 6:30 p.m.

2. Citizens Speak

There were no citizens present to address the Board.

3. New Business

ANR, 41 Antwerp Street/262 Granite Avenue

Edward Donovan of 41 Antwerp Street addressed the Board as the owner and applicant. He stated that he is seeking permission from the Board to exchange a portion of land with the owner of 262 Granite Avenue. Chairman Whiteside stated that after exchange, the lots would be conforming lots with frontage and no setback issues. He made a motion to authorize the plan as *not* requiring subdivision approval. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

4. Old Business

90 Reedsdale Road, stormwater and sewer changes, Signing of the Amended Subdivision

Member Duffy raised concerns relative to naming the new street "Mary Webster Lane" stating that there is presently a street in Milton designated as "Webster Road". His concern is that the similarity in the two names could create confusion in an emergency situation. The Fire Chief will be consulted.

Chairman Whiteside informed the Board that he had not yet seen the Peer Review Report relative to engineering changes. The signing of the decision was therefore postponed.

5. Other Business

Master Plan Update

Member Innes informed the Board that the next Master Plan Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 30th. (It had been re-scheduled from January 21st due to weather conditions.) The first public forum kickoff will be held on Saturday, March 1st at Fuller Village. During March and April there will be a series of roundtables and an Open House will be held in June for feedback and comments. She stated that the Master Plan consultants will provide regular updates to the Board, including a preliminary report on February 27th, and that the deadline for the completion of the Master Plan is set for October 2014.

Housing Production Plan

Member Innes spoke relative to the importance of completing a Housing Production Plan. Chairman Whiteside explained that the HPP needs to identify suitable sites for comprehensive permit development and that the plan should provide for a certain number of affordable housing units annually. Member Innes offered to work with the Town Planner and Town Engineer in the effort to identify sites and report progress to the Board.

Zoning articles for Annual Town Meeting

The Board briefly outlined each of the Zoning Articles which are proposed for the Annual Town Meeting: Medical Marijuana Facilities, Cluster Development Bylaw, Penalties for continuing Zoning violations, ACRD, Agricultural/Nursery/Landscaping Development, Table of Contents/Zoning Bylaws.

6. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Edward L. Duffy
Secretary