



Minutes

NORTH HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD

Work Session Meeting

May 16, 2005

Location: Mary Herbert Room

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Attendees: (1) Shep Kroner, Vice Chair; (2) Phil Wilson, Chair; (3) Judy Day, (4) Joseph Arena, (5) Laurel Pohl, (6) Craig Solomon, (7) Rich Goeselt, Alternate, (8) Jill Robinson, RPC/Circuit Rider, and (9) Krystina Deren Arrain, Recording Secretary/Planning & Zoning Administrator

Absent: (1) Jon Rineman, Selectman Representative.

Mr. Kroner convened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Can Do Side Walk Kids – Atlantic Avenue Sidewalk discussion

Mr. Kroner remarked that no one from the group was available to make the presentation. He Expected that they would come before the Board in June.

PB Committee Updates

Long Range Planning

Ms. Pohl distributed the committee's (1) Progress Report (2) Objectives and Timeline, and (3) Citizen Survey document and provided details of said documents. Mr. Wilson noted that he constructed the survey for the purpose of gathering valuable information from the townspeople, Mr. Goeselt suggested that perhaps, because the survey was already seven pages, the inclusion of Essay questions should be reconsidered. Because of a longer survey document with essay questions, Mr. Goeselt remarked that perhaps responses might not be as numerous because of the additional time required to complete the survey.

Board members discussed in detail their ideas on where the town should be headed and their goals on the visioning statement for the town. Jill Robinson explained that the Vision Chapter of the Master Plan is basically an invitation for the town to provide citizen input that later would guide the Board in implementing the Master Plan. Mr. Wilson referred to information received from analysis of the Hanover [NH] Master Plan survey. Mr Wilson suggested perhaps

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reconfiguring the business district for a limited area along Route 1 as well as a selected portion east and west of Route 111.

Ms. Day shared her concern that many townspeople did not have an in-depth knowledge or understanding of the major issues facing the town. She felt that information should be included in the survey that would explain how the tabulated survey responses would be used. Mr. Wilson noted that he included, in the last paragraph, a statement that explained the purpose and ultimate use of the survey. Ms. Day distributed her edited version of the draft survey as well as "Descriptive Data Possible Guidelines" by Borg, White and Worthen.

Mr. Wilson noted that perhaps a question regarding services should be included, such as: level of satisfaction and list of needs. Board members discussed the technical means of designing the survey for maximum effect. Ms. Robinson explained to the Board that "cluster housing" had a negative connotation and should not be used. She advised that another term should be used for "workforce or affordable" housing.

Mr. Solomon arrived at 7:45 PM.

Mr. Goeselt suggested that all Board members review the draft survey and submit their comments, as Ms. Day had done, to Mr. Wilson.

Sign Ordinance Review Committee

Judy Day remarked that the committee met on May 2, 2005 and she had distributed the meeting minutes. Ms. Day noted that she was researching further into the sign ordinance issue and was attempting to locate other data such as Ron Todd's data from Dr. Vade. The committee would meet again on May 23, 2005.

US Route One Corridor Study Update (Shep Kroner)

Mr. Kroner Stated that he had met with other seacoast communities, the RPC and NH-DOT. He remarked that NH-DOT needed additional information from local communities in its planning for Route 1. Mr. Kroner noted that in Portsmouth, Route 1 would become a two-lane road from State Street Discount in Rye and ultimately all the way through to the Route 1 Bypass and up to the Portsmouth Circle. Mr. Kroner distributed the Seacoast MPO's Corridor Study Update charts. The SMPO/NH-DOT would sponsor a citizens' input meeting in late June 2005 at Winnacunnet High School. He remarked that he felt that NH-DOT was struggling on how to Address Route 1 issues.

Mr. Kroner stated that Hampton had control of Route 1 whereas North Hampton did not. Ms Day asked that Mr. Kroner investigate the progress for North Hampton assuming the Ownership/responsibility for Route 1.

Review Minutes

March 21, 2005 Work Session Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved and Dr. Arena seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was 5-0-1. Mr. Salomon abstained because he was not in attendance at the meeting.

April 5, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes

These minutes were previously approved.

Mr. Wilson moved and Dr. Arena seconded the motion to ratify all votes taken at the April 5, 2005 meeting in which Ron Todd was seated for Dr. Arena prior to taking his oath of office.

The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Ms. Day moved and Mr. Solomon seconded the motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2005.

The vote was unanimous (6-0).

April 18, 2005 Work Session Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved and Ms. Day seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended.

The vote was unanimous (6-0).

May 2, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved and Dr. Arena seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended.

The vote was unanimous (6-0).

Other Business

Mr. Kroner remarked that the location of the newly replaced Hapton Airport sign blocked visibility when turning onto Rout 1. Ms. Arrain noted that the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer [BI/COE] was aware of the situation and was working on the issue. Dr. Arena noted his dissatisfaction with the Enterprise Car location's dumpster. He noted that the COE had not been able to successfully address that situation. Mr. Kroner remarked that the proper process was to file a complaint with the COE. Ms. Pohl noted that in the past the Board had sent a letter noting violations. She suggested that perhaps the Board should act again and send a letter noting violations to the COE. Mr. Kroner suggested members should draft a list of ordinance violators and bring the list to the June 20, 2005 work session meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Pohl moved and Mr. Solomon seconded the motion to adjourn.
The vote was unanimous (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristina Deren Arrain
Recording Secretary/Planning & Zoning Administrator

