



Minutes

NORTH HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD

Work Session

19 September 2005

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Present: (1) Phil Wilson, Chair; (2) Judy Day; (3) Joseph Arena; (4) Craig Salomon, (5) Laurel Pohl.

Alternates Present: (1) Rich Goeselt (seated for Shep Kroner)

In Attendance: Jill Robinson, Circuit Rider/RPC

Absent: (1) Shep Kroner, Vice Chair; (2) Jon Rineman, Selectman Representative; (3) Ron Todd, Alternate.

Noting that Vice Chair Kroner was absent, Mr. Wilson convened the meeting at 6:34 PM. He also noted that Mr. Rineman was absent. He designated Mr. Goeselt to sit for Mr. Kroner.

I. The Future of Route One North Hampton –U.S. Route One Corridor Study with special guest Cliff Sinnott – Executive Director of the Rockingham Planning Commission, David Walker – Senior Transportation Planner RPC, Bob Landman – Chairman of the Seacoast MPO.

Messrs. Sinnott and Walker provided the Board background information about the Route 1 Corridor Study, Access Management, and a summary of North Hampton land-use ordinances and regulations.

They led a discussion of the assessment of Route 1 conditions in North Hampton. The major conclusion was that either the Town needs to endorse expansion of Route 1 to accommodate additional traffic as the IB/R district continues to develop as currently zoned or change zoning regulations to reduce expected increases in traffic on Route 1. In either case, the Town needs to make improvements to Route 1 – including improvements of several intersections and other traffic management provisions – and to consider establishing an access management plan for future development that is consistent with best management practices.

The sense of the Board was that: (1) The Town does not want to be further divided into east and west section by an expanded Route 1; (2) improvements along Route 1 would be in the best interests of the Town, including an access management plan with a long-term time horizon for implementation and improvements of the current three-lane configuration and various intersections; and (3) considering rezoning portions of the IB/R to encourage less intensive commercial uses – e.g., professional offices and light manufacturing – and prohibit high-traffic generating businesses – e.g., retail businesses. The Board also considered the importance of restricting certain types of development in the IB/R district to protect aquifers in the district.

The Board invited the RPC representatives to recommend actions to the Board, based on the discussion, which continued for an hour and 40 minutes.

II. Sign Subcommittee update and review of input from legal review.

Ms. Robinson and Ms. Day introduced a letter from Mr. John Ryan, Esq., town counsel, in which he suggested language to ensure that the proposed conditional use permitting process for signage would be enforceable.

Mr. Wilson presented a redline version of Mr. Ryan's document in which he proposed several clarifications. The Board discussed the redline version and made an additional emendation that Ms. Robinson agreed to incorporate into the final version that would be taken to Public Hearing.

Dr. Arena moved, and Ms. Pohl seconded the motion, to register the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in the town clerk's office as soon as possible after the Planning Board acts on the proposal in Public Hearing.

The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

After discussion among the members, the sense of the Board was that Ms. Day should have a public hearing posted prior to the next regularly scheduled Work Session (19 October). Ms. Day said that she would consult Mr. Kroner about coordinating the time of the public hearing with the timing of the work Session.

III. Long-Range Planning Committee Update.

Ms. Pohl updated the Board on progress of the Master Plan updating process – including the Vision Section and the CFS Section – and progress of the CIP updating process.

Mr. Wilson updated the Board on the survey process and plans for two Vision Forums. The two forums, tentatively scheduled for 9 and 16 November, are being designed and facilitated with the help of Ms. Robinson and Mr. Charlie French of the UNH Cooperative Extension. In addition, Mr. Wilson explained that the LRP was working with the Eighth Grade Team to hold a "Soup Supper" as a fundraising event for the annual eighth-grade trip to Washington, DC, and to attract more participants to the 9 November Vision Forum.

IV. Capital Improvement Program Update.

Ms. Pohl updated the Board on the CIP process in conjunction with the update in item III above.

V. Aquifer Protection Subcommittee Update.

Mr. Goeselt updated the Board on the progress of the Aquifer Protection Subcommittee. He reminded the Board of the time-line document he had distributed by email and indicated that the subcommittee would meet those deadlines, including holding a public hearing in conjunction with the November Work Session of the Board.

The Board discussed the question of whether the delineation of protected areas for aquifers in the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance should coincide with the limits of the aquifers themselves or should also provide a buffer around the aquifers. While no conclusion was formally reached, the sense of the Board was that buffers were likely appropriate.

VI. Review Minutes

Because minutes of the 1 August and 15 August meetings had not been made available to the Board in sufficient time to review them prior to the meeting and because no minutes for the 6 September meeting had been made available, no action was taken on these minutes.

VII. Other Business

- Heritage Commission Nomination of Paul Cuetara

After brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Heritage Commission to nominate Mr. Paul

Cuetara as a full commissioner of the Heritage Commission and to send that nomination to the Board of Selectmen for action.

- Code Enforcement

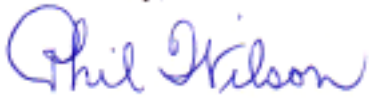
Ms. Day raised the question of adequate code enforcement. The members noted that this is a persistent issue in Town. The sense of the Board was that: (1) The code enforcement process needs to be documented and (2) the Board needs to persist in promoting better enforcement.

Ms. Pohl moved to adjourn. Dr. Arena seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous (6-0) in favor of the motion.

Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Phil Wilson, Chair