



Minutes

NORTH HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD & Long range Planning Committee Work Session February 20th, 2006

These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this meeting, not as a transcription.

Present: (1) Phil Wilson, (Chair); Shep Kroner, (Vice Chair) (4) Laurel Pohl (5); (6) Emily Creighton; (7) Joseph Arena; (8) Craig Salomon

Alternates Present: (1) Rich Goeselt

In Attendance: Long Range Planning Committee Members: Stanley Knowles, Cynthia Swank, Peter Parker, and Beth Church

Absent: (1) Ron Todd, Alternate.

Phil Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

I. Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance discussion,

Mr. Wilson informed the board that he had received advice from town counsel that rushing into public hearings regarding the ordinance was not warranted.

Our next discussion should be focused on defining utility poles versus mono-poles and what constitutes a tower, and what needs to be reviewed before the board in regards to the placement of mono-poles or utility poles.

We decided to push the discussion off to March 6th at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Arena felt too much focus on a definition was redundant and counter productive.

Mr. Wilson suggested we cancel the public hearing on the WCTF on March 6th at 6:30 PM, and instead continue the work session discussion until March 7th at 6:30 PM.

II. Long Range Planning Recommendations / Update of Master Plan Community Facilities Services (CFS) Chapter and Update of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Phil Wilson stated the purpose of the meeting to review the CFS chapter, and to take the Vision statement and (CIP) to public hearing.

The group emendated several sections for editing purpose (for proper English and Grammar).

Rich Goeselt asked that we add that the survey lent support not only for a new highway garage but also for an expanded library.

Stanley Knowles believed that on page 5 the number of town road miles at 44 seemed high to him, and that it should be rechecked for factual verification.

Phil Wilson planned to add some additional missing data from the FD that was necessary for factual verification.

Each chapter recommended a Needs Assessment be conducted on the various departments, and Stanley Knowles asked who would do this?

Mr. Wilson suggested that an engineer or consultant be obtained and retained for these purposes.

A short discussion ensued concerning the role of the school library and the town library.

Mr. Goeselt stated that the town library had a cradle to the grave philosophy, where as the school library was curriculum oriented and is a supplement to school specific activities.

It was mentioned that a very limited amount of information had been supplied from the North Hampton School.

Ultimately, at the end of the discussion, we uniformly believed that it is the board of selectman's responsibility to take charge of the recommendations and offer leadership for our municipal facilities and then it will fall on the Legislative Body (The voters).

Mr. Wilson was to revise the draft, per the recommendations.

Stanley Knowles moved to recommend the draft to the planning board.

Craig Solomon seconded the motion.

The vote of the LRP committee members was 6 in favor and none opposed.

Craig Solomon of the Planning Board moved to take the CFS draft to public hearing on March 6th at 5:30 PM

Laurel Pohl seconded the motion.

Joe Arena called the question.

The vote was 6 in favor, and none opposed. Motion carries.

C.I.P Update (Capital Improvements Plan)

Laurel Pohl introduced the CIP update.

A discussion ensued regarding the Tax projections, which Rich Goeselt suggested were fantasy, but represented the best possible numbers given some of the missing information.

Mr. Solomon stated that the CIP is informational as well as a planning tool. What ever the town does, the CIP rationalizes it. It sets the prioritization. It placed the reigns on spending.

A discussion continued about why certain items were placed in a bonding structure, and the reason articles and bonds were attached to specifics.

Mr. Wilson believed we needed visibility in the document; otherwise spending decisions and their impact remain invisible.

A decision was made to remove any sections that were written in what could be construed as acerbic.

Beth Church then moved to recommend the CIP draft to the Planning Board so that it could present it to the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectman.

Stanley Knowles 2nd the motion.

The vote was 5 in favor and none opposed.

It was decided that the draft of the CIP would have to be forwarded to our March 6th meeting to add a foreword.

A motion to adjourn was forwarded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shep Kroner, Vice Chair