

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Mr. Daniel Mills, Chairperson called the Tuesday, November 4, 2014 meeting of the Community Planning Commission to order at 8:03p.m. in Room 10 of the North Reading Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Daniel Mills, Chairperson
Christopher B. Hayden, Vice Chairperson
Patricia Romeo, Clerk
Warren Pearce

STAFF

PRESENT: Danielle McKnight, Planning Administrator

OTHERS

PRESENT: Board of Selectmen
Robert Mauceri, Chairman
Steven O'Leary, Clerk

The Community Planning Commission held interviews with four candidates for a CPC vacancy. Dan Mills, Chair, explained that the open position would be filled by a joint appointment of the Board of Selectmen and CPC through May 2015, when an election would be held to fill the seat through May 2016, when the vacant seat expires.

Interviews were held with candidates Bill Bellavance, Ted Haggarty, Mark Chrisos and Mike Levine. Each interview was approximately 20-30 minutes. Each candidate was asked to tell the board about themselves, their past professional experience and why they were interested in the position. They were asked their opinions about development patterns in North Reading and any ideas for redeveloping underutilized parcels in town such as the former JT Berry site and sites along Route 28. They were asked about their previous experience with any municipal boards or work with community. The CPC's schedule was explained, and candidates were asked to discuss whether they could commit to the necessary evening meetings and other obligations, and if they intended to run for the seat in May 2015. Candidates were also asked about their experience handling difficult people and situations.

Mr. Mills encouraged each candidate to continue his activity with the town, even if not selected for this vacant seat, and reminded all that anyone could run for the vacant seat in May whether or not selected for the open position at this time.

The interviews concluded at 10 p.m.

10:00 Old/New Business: Danielle McKnight shared a plan she had received earlier in the day showing a new retaining wall on 157 Marblehead Street and asked for general comment. CPC members suggested asking the engineer if it was possible to make it more visually appealing and less harsh-looking, and to accompany this comment with the draft retaining wall guide that has been created.

The CPC then discussed their upcoming schedule of a meeting on November 6 to be held only to vote on the Cowabunga's site plan review, and then the next regular meeting of November 18.

Adjournment at 10:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Romeo, Clerk