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ORLEANS PLANNING BOARD

AUGUST 26, 2014 - Minutes

A meeting of the Orleans Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Nauset Meeting Room at the Orleans Town Hall. **Present:** **Chairman:** Steve Bornemeier; **Vice-Chairman:** Charles Bechtold; **Clerk:** Chet Crabtree; Kenneth McKusick and John Fallender and **Associate:** Andrea Reed. **Planning Department Staff:** George Meservey; and **Secretary:** Karen Sharpless. **Also Present:** **Board of Selectmen Liaison:** Jon Fuller. **Absent:** **Associate:** Paul McNulty.

PROPOSED GENERAL BYLAW CHAPTER 103 - FERTILIZER NITROGEN AND PHOSPHORUS CONTROL

Meservey reported on discussions with Attorney Michael Ford (Town Counsel) regarding a proposed amendment to the existing General Bylaw Chapter 103 to include limits on use of phosphorus as well as nitrogen. Meservey stated Attorney Ford reviewed the information and forwarded it to the Attorney General's office for their input. Planning Board members agreed on a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to hold a public hearing on this issue as a General Bylaw. Crabtree urged that a clarification summary be included noting that this applies to lawns and turf.

MOTION: On a motion by **Chet Crabtree**, seconded by **John Fallender**, the Board voted to approve the proposed amendment to the General Bylaw, Chapter 103 regarding fertilizer nitrogen to include phosphorus, as proposed, with one change which is to clarify in the summary that this covers lawns and turf and to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to hold a public hearing on this issue as a General Bylaw.

VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

RESET PROJECT - SCOPE OF WORK

Planning Board members reviewed a Cape Cod Commission document entitled, "Orleans Rt 6A Corridor RESET Scope of Work" and noted multiple tasks proposed by Cape Cod Commission staff members. Planning Board members agreed on the importance of including the Board of Selectmen, town board and committee members, and public attendees to participate in the process.

CONSENSUS: Planning Board members approved the document by consensus.

HOME RULE CHARTER REVIEW SURVEYS

Surveys were distributed to Planning Board members entitled "Orleans Charter Review Committee - Survey of Elected Town Boards and Officers and Appointed Multi-Member Bodies" and they will be submitted to the Home Rule Charter Review Committee when they are completed.

WAYFINDING WEBSITE APPLICATION

Planning Board members reviewed a PowerPoint presentation from the Cape Cod Commission of various art galleries in town. Meservey noted that Cape Cod Commission staff has offered to create a web-based Wayfinding application which can be accessed through the town's website as well as the Orleans Community Partnership website. Planning Board members discussed the advantages of visitors using the website to find other resources in town, such as restaurants and retail businesses.

VILLAGE CENTER PLANNING INITIATIVES

Depot Square Feasibility Study

Meservey described the Depot Square Feasibility Study and stated it will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at an upcoming meeting with a proposed scope of services. Planning Board members discussed the proposed study with regard to existing conditions, relocation of a proposed visitor's center with restrooms, and the need for additional parking. It was noted that there could be a parallel private effort undertaken to determine the feasibility of relocating the Albert Bassett house for use as a visitor's center.

MASSDOT Intersections

Meservey stated that the 25% design plans were well received at a public hearing which included several streetscape elements as well as traditional streetlights. The Board of Selectmen has agreed to put an article on the upcoming fall town meeting warrant regarding funding.

Main Street Reconstruction

Planning Board members discussed maintenance issues on Main Street and acknowledged a proposal by Fay, Spofford and Thorndike (FST) for repairs possibly with Chapter 90 money. It was also noted that MassWorks grant funds might be utilized to pay for capital costs for Main Street work.

MOTION: On a motion by **John Fallender**, seconded by **Charles Bechtold**, the Board voted to notify the Board of Selectmen of plans for streetscape paving and lighting with Planning Board support.

VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

Stormwater - Boland Pond

Planning Board members discussed proposals by the Water Quality Task Force and the Orleans Pond Coalition to study and clean up drainage runoff into Boland Pond as referred to in the Orleans Comprehensive Plan. Planning Board members noted that the Nauset Regional Middle School officials have expressed an interest in using the pond for school study programs.

CORRESPONDENCE

*** Cape Cod Commission Memorandum entitled, "Underground Utilities", dated July 25, 2014**

Planning Board members reviewed a memorandum from Jessica Wielgus, Commission Counsel, Cape Cod Commission, as an overview of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 166 regarding a municipality's ability to require overhead utilities to be placed underground.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners (Kenneth McKusick)

McKusick gave a report on the water system connection with Brewster which could be used to solve water failures in either town. McKusick noted that the Town of Eastham is developing its own water system, and studies would need to be done if they wanted to be part of a joint program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 22, 2014

MOTION: On a motion by **Kenneth McKusick**, seconded by **John Fallender**, the Board voted to approve the Planning Board minutes of July 22, 2014, as amended.

VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING CANCELLATION

MOTION: On a motion by **Kenneth McKusick**, seconded by **Chet Crabtree**, the Planning Board voted to cancel the meeting scheduled for September 9, 2014, due to Massachusetts Primary Elections.

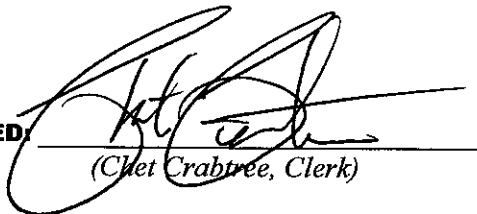
VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

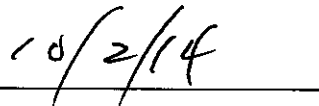
MOTION: On a motion by **Kenneth McKusick**, seconded by **Chet Crabtree**, the Board voted to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 8:10 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

SIGNED:


(Chet Crabtree, Clerk)

DATE:



LIST OF HANDOUTS FOR AUGUST 26, 2014 PLANNING BOARD MEETING:

1. Draft General Bylaw Chapter 103 – Fertilizer Nitrogen and Phosphorus Control, dated 8-15-14
2. Orleans Rt. 6A Corridor RESET Scope of Work, Cape Cod Commission
3. Orleans Charter Review Committee Survey of Elected Town Boards and Officers and Appointed Multi-Member Bodies.
4. Cape Cod Commission memorandum entitled, "Underground Utilities", dated July 25, 2014.
5. Planning Board Minutes dated July 22, 2014.