

Zoning Bylaw Task Force

Minutes of Meeting

October 23, 2013

Attending – George Meservey, Director Planning & Development, John Hodgson, Board of Selectman (BOS), Brian Harrison, Building Commissioner, John Fallender, Planning Board (PB) Robert Osterberg, Member at Large (MAL), George Waugh, MAL, Mike Marnik, Zoning Board of Appeals, Chip Bechtold, PB,

George opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

1.) the FEMA Floodplain Amendment was reviewed. There are few changes from previous. This was approved to be sent to the planning Board for public hearing.

2.) Apartment use in the Village Center – the existing bylaw was discussed. It has been proposed to reduce the approved minimum space of 60,000 square feet to 40,000. After review of present parcel size and usage it was decided not to recommend change.

3.) Signs

- A-Frame signs. It was decided to recommend a limit of outdoor use of one A-frame sign per business, 6 square feet per side. Signs should be taken inside at night.
- Other changes to the sign law were discussed including some suggested changes to the banner and window signs which the Planning Manager will incorporate into a proposal for review at the next meeting.
- Open house and yard sale signs will need further review including numbers needed, location off roads and enforcement. These issues are being discussed with real estate brokers and the Chamber of Commerce for their views and help. Decisions will be taken following further review.

4.) Medical Marijuana Facility Draft Bylaw – bylaws from the towns of Dennis and Norton were reviewed. The PB had suggested that the location be in the General or Limited Business district. The Planning Manager will take suggestions of the ZBTF concerning the above bylaws and put them into proposed bylaw form and have it reviewed by Town Counsel prior to further review of this task force.

There were no other identified Zoning Issues discussed.

Next meetings: November 20 and December 18, Usual time and location.

Respectfully,


Chip Bechtold