

Draft #1
Town of Princeton
Town Plan Implementation Committee
October 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were members Leslie Fanger, Michael Latka, Anne Littlefield and Dennis Rindone.

Minutes:

The committee unanimously (4-0) accepted the minutes of 9/10/08.

Open Space Committee

Open Space Committee members Kelton Burbank, Deb Carey, Martha Fortier and Dominic Golding were present to discuss master plan related matters with TPIC. The members stated that a new five-year Open Space and Recreation Plan has been accepted by the state. The four corners purchase was discussed and everyone is pleased with the final results of that effort. Trail connectivity and re-routing of the mid-state trail is a high priority for the open space committee. The committee would like to see pedestrian footbridge at the end of Old Colony Road off Gates to become a reality in the not to distant future. The committee is currently working on that project. The subject of 61, 61A & 61B Chapter Land was a subject of much confusion. Dennis stated that everyone should re-read the final report of the Land Preservation Study Committee. That report dedicates a page to a criteria for prioritizing parcels of land for open space preservation and a page to Chapterland 61, 61A and 61B. The open space committee also discussed a lack of knowledge on the status of GIS. Dennis agreed to coordinate a working meeting between interested open space members and the Board of Assessors to discuss GIS. Attached to the minutes is an email sent to the Open Space Committee discussing Chapterland and GIS.

Historical Commission

Historical Commission members Joyce Anderson and Sheila Dubman were present to discuss master plan related matters with the TPIC. The historic committee presented a list (see attached) of seven items that they would like to discuss.

1. Mechanics Hall – The commission's top priority is the disposition of Mechanics Hall. Should it be sold with a preservation restriction attached or renovated. This topic will be placed on a January agenda with the Board of Selectmen.
2. Demolition Delay Bylaw – Dennis will work with the commission to develop this bylaw. It was understood that items 1 & 2 would require town meeting approval.

A general discussion took place of items 3-7 between TPIC and the Historical Commission.

All Boards

It was agreed that Dennis would update everyone on Town Plan progress at the All Boards Meeting. Handing out an updated Guide to Town Plan Implementation summary would be helpful.

Future Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2008 at 7 pm in the Town Hall Annex.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Rindone, Town Administrator