The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM at the Town Hall Annex. Present were members Leslie Fanger, Michael Latka, Anne Littlefield, Karen Rossow and John Lebeaux, Town Administrator.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

#### **Committee Administrative Matters**

The rest of the committee welcomed newly appointed member Karen Rossow.

### **Review Draft Home Occupations Bylaw prior to Planning Board meeting**

The committee discussed the draft Bylaw to prepare for its attendance at the Planning Board meeting scheduled for 8 PM. Mike noted that he generally approved the draft. He noted his concern that the allowances for not more than one non-resident employee by right and not more than two by special permit seemed overly restrictive. Anne agreed and suggested the number of cars rather than number of people was a better mechanism. Leslie raised the issue of a contractor's trucks and equipment.

Questions for the Planning Board included:

- Does the registration of a home occupation put one on the "radar screen"?
- What is the schedule for bringing the bylaw forward?

There was general agreement that the existing bylaws are not developed well enough to protect from unwanted home operations but at the same time cultivate preferred ones.

#### **Review status of Business Industrial District proposal**

The committee discussed a possible future Planning Board initiative to replace the Business Industrial Business District on Hubbardston Road with a Rural Business District. The committee questioned this potential rezoning, recognizing that the rail crossing at Hubbardston Road is a unique potential economic development opportunity.

## <u>Review and Discuss Draft #4 Spreadsheet of Phase I, II, III and ongoing Implementation</u> <u>Plan.</u>

The committee reviewed the updates to the spreadsheet made by Anne and John to reflect current status and made further changes (attached). The committee discussed the 61A process and the value of meeting with the Open Space Committee. John will report at the next meeting that committee's activity and membership. Various means to contact landowners of large parcels of

open space were considered. Karen reminded the committee of the November, 2007 Land Preservation Study Committee's Final Report that examined these issues.

# **Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 6 pm in the Annex.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM so the committee could attend the Planning Board discussion of the Draft Home Occupations Bylaw.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lebeaux