

STURBRIDGE PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009

On a roll call made by Ms. Gibson-Quigley, the following members were present:

Present:

Russell Chamberland
Jim Cunniff
Jennifer Morrison, Chair
Sandra Gibson-Quigley
Bruce Smith

Also Present:

Jean Bubon, Town Planner
Diane Trapasso, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Tom Creamer
Penny Dumas

Ms. Morrison called the regular meeting of the Planning Board to order at 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Made by Mr. Chamberland to accept the minutes of January 27,
2009

2nd: Mr. Smith

Discussion: None

Vote: 5 – 0

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from FEMA – Re: NFIP Map Modernization Digital Flood Rate (DFIRM) Map Task
Flood Insurance Study Revision for Worcester County

Letter from Attorney Neal – Re: Notice of Intention to Sell Forest Land

Letter from CMRPC – Re: Annual Assessment - \$1,888.09

Letter from Mr. Malloy to Mr. Campisi – Re: Allen Homestead – Town snow plowing
Tannery Road

Letter from DCR – Re: Terra Firma Bulletin – A Toolkit for Protecting Community
Character

TOWN PLANNER UPDATE

Special Town Meeting – February 24, 2009 – Planning Board Articles on the Warrant for adoption:

- Chapter 43D
- PDS Locations
- Funding for the Master Plan

Annual Town Meeting – April 27, 2009

Proposed Meetings for April, May & June:

- April 14th
- May 5th & 19th
- June 2nd & 16th

Update on the Preserve – Town had to snow plow

CPTC – Annual Conference – Saturday, March 21, 2009

Motion: Made by Mr. Cunniff to support the funding and go forth with preparing a Master Plan.

2nd: Ms. Gibson-Quigley

Discussion: None

Vote: 5 - 0

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ON “WALKABLE COMMUNITIES”.

Mr. Smith gave the presentation on walkable communities. He stated that the Federal Highway defines a walkable community as: A walkable community is one where it is easy and safe to walk to goods and services. Walkable communities encourage pedestrian activity, expand transportation options, and have safe and inviting streets that serve people with different ranges of mobility. Walkable communities are safe and accessible for everyone.

The Board had the following ideas on possible locations for an audit for walkable communities:

- Commercial Tourist District
- New School Design – Burgees
- Route 131 project

Ms. Bubon stated that if the Board would like to move forward with an audit of an area within the town, she would recommend that the Board vote to authorize Mr. Smith to arrange for this audit with CMRPC through the local assistance program.

The Board voted unanimously to participate and for Mr. Smith to arrange an audit with CMRPC to find an area within the Town.

NEXT MEETING

March 3, 2009

On a motion made by Ms. Gibson-Quigley, seconded by Mr. Cunniff, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.