

**STURBRIDGE PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

Ms. Gibson-Quigley called the regular meeting of the Planning Board to order at 6:30 PM. On a roll call by Ms. Dumas the following members were present:

Present: Charlie Blanchard
James Cunniff
Penny Dumas
Brian McSweeney
Ginger Peabody
Sandra Gibson-Quigley, Chair

Also Present: Jean M. Bubon, Town Planner
Diane Trapasso, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Russell Chamberland

Ms. Gibson-Quigley opened the meeting and read the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Made by Ms. Peabody to accept the minutes of January 24, 2012.
2nd: Mr. Cunniff
Discussion: None
Vote: 4 – 0 – 2 (Ms. Dumas & Mr. McSweeney)

UPDATE ON THE MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Gibson-Quigley who is chair of the Master Plan Implementation Committee gave an update on the committee. She stated that the committee has been meeting since November. Their plan of action is to make their presentation to all the boards and committees. The MPIC will be meeting with the BOS on February 27 and Finance Committee on March 8.

The MPIC will then break up into smaller groups and meet with the other boards and committees and review the Master Plan and their goals. MPIC will make a power presentation to each Board and committee and have the Executive Summary and a CD of the Master Plan for each.

The MPIC will report to the Planning Board annually and will have an update in the Town's annual report.

TOWN PLANNER UPDATE

Center at Hobbs Brook – Cinemagic – Architectural plans are nearly complete – actual seating is 1270 seats – not 1210 as originally proposed – minor modification – no effect on site plan – the Board had no issues

Historic Commercial District Sub-Committee Update – the draft bylaw has been submitted to Kopelman & Paige for review and edits or comment. It is hoped that the draft bylaw can be presented to the full Board for consideration/discussion at the Planning Board meeting on February 28, 2012.

The draft Commercial Tourist and Commercial District RFP – Mr. Church of CMRPC worked to create the RFP and Mr. Willmer of VHB provided estimated costs – Mr. Suhoski is investigating funding options – The Board feels it will be important to have the conceptual plans in place as soon as feasible. The first price seems high; can we explore more competitive pricing.

Offer of potential land donation – 43 Old Mashapaug Road – the Board feels this land could be a valuable addition to our open space holdings – the land abuts Army Corps property and could potentially provide access to the river – Care & Custody of the land would be Conservation Commission or the BOS. Ms. Dumas asked about purchasing with CPA funds (\$1) – future thought for funding any use with CPA funds

Motion: Made by Mr. Blanchard to provide a letter of support for the land to the BOS.

2nd: Ms. Peabody

Discussion: none

Vote: 6 – 0

CMRPC – Annual Assessment

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser – March 21, 2012

CPTC Annual Conference & Workshops – March 17, 2012

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dumas would like to note that a fact sheet on CPA is available for anyone interested.

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NEXT MEETING

February 28, 2012

On a motion made by Mr. Cunniff, and seconded by Ms. Peabody and voted 6 – 0, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. The Board met in their sub-committee working group.

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