

PLANNING BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2008

PLACE: TOWN HALL BANQUET ROOM

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Fleurent

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Quorum/Attendance

Members Not Present – Timothy Cox, Dennis Vello

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

B. Acceptance of Minutes – December 11, 2007

Gary Staffon motioned to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting as amended. Marc Scanlon seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

C. Planning Board Bills –

1) Supplies – Staples - \$13.99

Gary Staffon motioned to pay this bill. Marc Scanlon seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

D. Security Release

1.) North Street Extension – DeMelo - \$3,500.00

William Roth – There is \$4,000.00 left in the street security account. The only remaining items were some loam and seeding. \$500.00 is sufficient security according to DPW. They recommend we retain \$500.00.

Marinus Vander Pol motioned to release \$3,500.00. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

E. Receipt of Plans – None

F. Approval of Plans - None

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1.) Definitive Subdivision – Gus Pinto, Jr. – Washburn Avenue (cont'd from 11/13/07)

William Roth – The applicant has requested to withdraw because they have decided not to pursue this application.

Gary Staffon motioned to accept the withdrawal. Wayne Hayward seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Albert Borges motioned to refund the applicant the remaining balance in his deposit account in the amount of \$1,001.16. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

III. OTHER

1.) Review Final Draft – Master Plan Survey

William Roth – I sent everyone a draft of the survey. I took one last pass at it with Jeff Osuch and incorporated some of his comments as well. On one question, we listed all town services together and he felt they were separate entities. The two questions added at the end were added by him, the ones regarding a trash fee and an override.

Wayne Hayward – These are hot button issues.

William Roth – Yes, but all communities maybe be facing these issues in the near future and it would be helpful information for the future.

Marinus Vander Pol – I have an awful time with trash fees and overrides as import to the Planning Board. Those two questions, however, might cause more people to respond and that I like.

Wayne Hayward – Is there a specific question as to whether or not the Town is in favor of a Master Plan?

William Roth – No, but we can add it.

Gary Staffon – It would be perfect to add to question three.

Marc Scanlon – Why not ask the people of their opinion as to government as it stands today and what changes would you make?

Chairman Fleurent – That's been asked many times.

Marinus Vander Pol – We have to careful about how much we tag onto the survey. We received almost a third of the surveys we sent out last time. We should do so well.

Albert Borges – I don't approve of numbers 22 and 23 on the survey. It has nothing to do with the Master Plan. Let some other department ask it and be the scapegoat.

Chairman Fleurent – But it gives people a forum to answer those questions.

Wayne Hayward – The Board of Selectmen should be involved in those types of questions.

William Roth – This is just an option of questions for the survey. If you do not like the modifications, we can remove them and go with the draft of the survey that was mailed to you.

Marc Scanlon – I have a problem with the protocol of how these questions came into the survey.

Marinus Vander Pol- But I wish I had thought of them.

Wayne Hayward – The BPW does mailings and could ask the question.

Marc Scanlon – I think the questions are excellent. I have an issue as to how it was done.

Marinus Vander Pol motioned to keep the questions 22 and 23 in the survey. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was 4-2 in favor (Albert Borges and Wayne Hayward opposed.) The motion passed.

William Roth – What if we rephrase by saying “if a trash fee were initiated, would you favor a flat fee or a per bag fee”. On 23, “which issues would you favor an override?”

Marc Scanlon motioned to approve the amendments. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was 4-2 in favor (Albert Borges and Wayne Hayward opposed.). The motion passed.

Albert Borges – The Board of Selectmen should be handling this.

Marinus Vander Pol – The revision to 22 has no “no” option.

Chairman Fleurent – How does everyone feel about the rest of it?

Albert Borges – I have no problems.

Wayne Hayward motioned to approve the draft survey as amended. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

2.) Review Town Meeting Report

William Roth- In your packet, you have the 2007 report. I changed it up a bit. I discussed the projects from the year as well as listed the grants.

Marinus Vander Pol – I feel we should mention the Subdivision Regulation Committee as part of the report.

Wayne Hayward motioned to adopt the review as amended. Marc Scanlon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

- Discussion ensued regarding rezone of North Fairhaven properties that were open land and what should be looked at in the future.

Marinus Vander Pol motioned to adjourn. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Pelland, Secretary
To the Planning Board