

PLANNING BOARD



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

MINUTES September 7, 2011

Members present: John Higley, Chairman; Robin Perera; Susan Spence; Gino Carlucci, Town Planner

Members absent: Eric Johnson; John Stevens;

Others present: Eliot Taylor, Ardi Rrapi

The meeting came to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Sherborn Town Hall, Room 204B.

FOREST STREET ANR

Plan of Land, 172 Forest Street by Cheney Engineering Co. Inc. of Dover dated July 14, 2011 (Document referenced: 1)

Ardi Rrapi of Cheney Engineering presented an ANR plan on Forest Street. He explained that the plan created three parcels that do not comply with zoning as buildable lots. The plan is to donate at least two, and possibly all three, of those parcels to The Trustees of Reservations. On a motion by Robin Perera, seconded by Susan Spence, the Board voted to endorse the plan on a 3-0 vote.

SOUTH STREET POWER LINE

Eliot Taylor noted to the Board that there is about a mile of power line on South Street that serves a single house. He said power from Natick is available just 800 feet away. In light of Hurricane Irene, he suggested that it would make sense to abandon the existing line and provide power from Natick. He noted that since the land across the street is owned by Massachusetts Audubon Society, it is not likely to ever be developed. Mr. Taylor noted that he has made Selectmen aware of this issue.

TOWN CENTER REPORT (TCR)

Sherborn Town Center: At a Crossroads, Draft, 7-18-11 (Document referenced: 1)

The Board continued its review of the TCR in preparation for releasing a draft of the report to other town boards and committees in the fall. It was noted that most of the numbers in the tables needed to be updated. Various other edits and tweaks were suggested. The material in the Appendix will be reviewed at the next meeting as well as the changes already suggested in the body of the document.

GRANGE FAIR

The Board next discussed its presentation for the Grange Fair. It was decided that the regional map prepared by MAPC for the 495/Metrowest Development Compact will be mounted on a foam core board. The smaller topic maps will also be mounted. An 11x17 version of the “vision” of redeveloping one section of the Town Center abutting the tracks will be used. Copies of the General Plan and draft Town Center Report will be available for review. A Zoning Map with approved subdivisions from the 1950’s to the present will be color-coded by era to illustrate development in Sherborn over time.

ENFORCEMENT ARTICLE

Regarding the proposed enforcement article, it was reported that there may not be a Fall Town Meeting so the article could wait until Spring. The need to “sell” the article in order to get it passed was emphasized.

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Due to the absence of Mr. Stevens and Mr. Johnson, the July 27, 2011 minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

GREATER SWAP AREA PUBLIC TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Synopsis of a Proposal for a Greater SWAP Area Public Transit Feasibility Study, 8/30/11 Document referenced: 3)

Mr. Carlucci explained that SWAP was proposing a transit feasibility study to be funded from the Sustainable Communities grant that MAPC was awarded by the federal government. After some discussion about the focus of the proposed study and transit services that currently exist and have recently been tried, the Board voted unanimously to submit a letter of support for the proposal.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be on September 21, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gino Carlucci
Town Planner

DOCUMENTS REFERENCED DURING THE MEETING

Location: Office of the Town Planner (unless noted otherwise)

1. Document: *Sherborn Town Center: At a Crossroads, Draft, 7-18-11*
2. *Plan of Land, 172 Forest Street by Cheney Engineering Co. Inc. of Dover dated July 14, 2011*
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