

PLANNING BOARD



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

MINUTES

October 10, 2012

Members present: Town Planner Gino Carlucci, Charles Yon, Chairman John Higley, John Stevens

Associate Grace Shepard attended until 7:10 p.m.

Absent Members: Robin Perera and Eric Johnson

John Higley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in Sherborn Town Hall, Room 204B.

Others Present: Tree Warden Glen Robert, Eliot Taylor of 30 North Main Street, Dennis Natale of 32 Brush Hill Road, Susie and Warren Wheelwright of 137 Hunting Lane

PUBLIC HEARING WITH TREE WARDEN (*Public Hearing Notice, Photographs of trees*)

John Higley opened the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

The Tree Warden requested approval to remove numerous rotting and dead trees. The locations and photographs of the trees were reviewed by the Planning Board and members of the public. There were no concerns expressed by the Planning Board or the public. John Higley moved to concur with the Tree Warden and approve the trees for removal. Grace Shepard seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

John Higley closed the hearing at 7:09 p.m.

TOWN CENTER REPORT

John Higley reported that Eric Johnson is continuing to work on the sidewalk recommendations. CMD is working on a Chapter 90 submittal and the sidewalk recommendations could be incorporated into that.

John Higley suggested that another area to work on is the PUD. Feedback during the February meeting suggested that the PUD should be expanded. John Stevens recommended referencing

old PUD proposals as a starting point. There was concern regarding whether the PUD could be used for unwanted development. Gino Carlucci pointed out that the PUD is by special permit, so there are still controls in place. Also, the PUD could be tailored toward a specific proposal. Gino Carlucci also suggested addressing the Peace Abbey and the use of an adapted use special permit.

John Stevens suggested approaching the changes in steps instead of all at once. The first step would be to talk to all downtown stakeholders to get an idea of what can be accomplished. He suggested that the Town might be more receptive to bylaw changes for a specific proposal. John Stevens noted that recommendations for the previously discussed pathway and connecting the public parking lots should be added.

Gino Carlucci reported that Warrant Articles need to be in by the beginning of January for the spring town meeting.

John Higley reported that the Town of Millis received a grant to study changes to the town and Sherborn could look into applying for a similar grant.

John Higley will draft a "30-year Town Center Vision" for discussion at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There are no updates on the Smart Sewering project. There may be four communities involved now. There were previously only two: Sherborn and Wrentham. Gino Carlucci emailed CRWA to try to set up a meeting for next week.

The Energy Committee met last week to discuss the Green Communities Grant and come up with a list of projects to pursue. The Committee is moving forward with the MAPC regional solicitation for solar power at the landfill site.

The cellular phone project is moving forward and the RFP has been completed. A representative from the company called Gino Carlucci to meet about the permitting process.

The Whitney Farms project is moving forward. The developers are scheduled to go before ZBA and Conservation Commission.

John Higley reported that there have been discussions about a solar project for individual home use. It is similar to the Solarize Mass program.

The Sherborn Business Association has not replied to the Planning Board's grant application requesting funds for a new software system.

The Police Department has agreed to install an anti-idling device in one police car to test its capability of reducing fuel consumption.

There is a MAPC Transportation and Development meeting on 11/24. There is also a conference at Northeastern on 11/19.

Gino Carlucci proposed changing the November meetings from the 7th and 21st to the 14th and 28th to avoid meeting the evening before Thanksgiving. This will be discussed at the next meeting when the other Board members are in attendance.

MINUTES

The September 12, 2012 Minutes were not voted on due to lack of a quorum. (John Stevens was not in attendance on September 12).

The September 19, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes were not voted on due to lack of a quorum. (John Stevens was not in attendance on September 19).

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be October 24, 2012.

John Higley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Charles Yon seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Pettit

Clerk

DOCUMENTS REFERENCED DURING THE MEETING

1. Tree Warden Warden Public Hearing Notice
2. Photographs of trees proposed for removal