

PLANNING BOARD



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

MINUTES

June 25, 2014

Members Present: John Higley (Chairman), John Stevens, Chris Tullmann, Associate Grace Shepard, and Town Planner Gino Carlucci

Absent Members: Eric Johnson, Marian Neutra

Others Present: Andy Lauterback, Peggy Novak, Elmore Alexander, Chee-chong Tai, Matt Neutra, Art Schnure, Eliot Taylor, Wesley Wirth, Chad Parmet

John Higley called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Sherborn Town Hall, Room 204A.

4 SNOW STREET (*Reference documents #1*)

Members of the Board reopened the hearing that had been continued from June 11. They discussed potential remedies for the act of removing the trees prior to the hearing. The applicant, David Parrish, was not present. The Board voted to continue the hearing again to July 9 at 7:00 and asked Gino Carlucci to send a letter or email to Mr. Parrish asking that he come to the next meeting and to provide any information regarding mitigation that he believes will help his cause.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (*Reference documents #2*)

Several members of the newly-forming General Plan Work Groups were present. John Higley described the process of updating the General Plan. He noted completion of the survey and now the three committees were being established to review the various sections of the Plan and to make suggestions for what needs to be changed and what needs to stay the same. He noted that the Town Planner is available to assist with updating statistics and to provide general support. He asked members to introduce themselves and to state on which committee they would like to serve. It was suggested that it would be useful to have printed copies of the 2001 General Plan so Gino Carlucci agreed to get more printed. It was also suggested that it would be useful to have a version of the Plan in MS Word to facilitate editing.

One member asked if it was necessary to follow the current Goals and Policies Statement. The response was that recommendations could be made to all parts of the Plan. Another asked about implementation and whether the current Plan just sat on the shelf. Grace Shepard related how a previous MAPC plan for the region had sat on the shelf but the current MetroFuture plan is being actively used by MAPC and is considered an essential part of its actions and decisions. John

Higley also opined that the process is also very valuable in stimulating debate, identifying issues needing to be addressed, etc.

There was also a discussion about the Open Meeting Law and the need to follow those rules. Information about this Law will be sent to the members.

GENERAL PLAN SURVEY

John Higley reported that he has sent an email to Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Land Management Task Force, and Council on Aging. He plans to follow up with a meeting with each. Grace Shepard suggested that after other boards review the results and discuss them at a meeting, that they send a representative to a Planning Board meeting to discuss their opinions with the Board.

LAND USE REFORM (*Reference Documents #3*)

John Higley mentioned that he received an email from Mark Fenton, an advocate for smart growth based on health reasons, regarding the current land use reform bill pending in the legislature. He agreed to forward it to all Planning Board members. The letter in support of the bill that was sent last year was reviewed. It was agreed to update the letter and send it again in support of the revised bill that is now in the Ways and Means Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Sweet Meadow Farm -- It was noted that a new building is proposed for this facility and that an agricultural screening plan will be reviewed at the next meeting. It was requested that a copy of the court decision that pertains to this property be provided to Board members prior to the next meeting and that the direct abutter be notified.

Solar Projects – It was noted that Blue Wave Capital is the new solar developer selected through the MAPC process. Also, John Higley mentioned Pine Hill School may be eligible for a resiliency grant to install solar panels at the school since it is a designated shelter.

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The minutes of the March 26, May 14 and May 28 meetings were all approved as amended.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be July 9, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gino Carlucci
Town Planner

DOCUMENTS REFERENCED DURING THE MEETING

1. Application materials for Scenic Road Hearing for 4 Snow Street
2. 2001 General Plan
3. March 13, 2013 letter to Rep. Linsky and Sen. Ross in support of land use reform bill