

PLANNING BOARD



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

MINUTES May 13, 2015

Members Present: John Higley, Marian Neutra, Chris Tullmann, Po Putnam, Associate Grace Shepard, and Town Planner Gino Carlucci

Members Absent: Eric Johnson

Others Present: Eliot Taylor, Gary Hawkins, Linda Bogins, Terry Geoghegan, Jim Geoghegan

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

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

John Stevens has left his position as a member of the Planning Board. The Board welcomed a new member, Po Putnam, at tonight's meeting.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

John Higley reported that he had proposed June 1, 2015 in an email to all members of the General Plan Update Work Groups as the date of the groups-wide meeting to discuss progress and plans. As of tonight's meeting, that date had not been confirmed by any Work Group chairpersons or members.

No members of the Fiscal and Economic Work Group were present at tonight's meeting, so a complete update on the status of the Group was not given, although Gino reported that they are still awaiting the completion of models.

The Land Use Work Group is currently revising its extensive outline of goals and recommendations. They plan to continue by adding an action plan for implementation of each recommendation. Marian Neutra explained that she met with Jen Ziskin, one of the new owners of the Heritage of Sherborn – formerly the Sherborn Inn – who is enthusiastic about the General Plan Update visions for a vibrant Town Center. Ms. Ziskin is envisioning ways to contribute to improvement of the Town Center, including the possibility of making restrooms available to the public. Possible regulatory issues regarding open restrooms and seating limits at the

Heritage/Provisions were discussed. Chris Tullmann discussed the vision for the creation of walking trails around and to the Town Center to give pedestrians an alternative to walking along main roads. To explore and raise awareness of the value of improved trails in town, there will be a walk of the Barber Reservation on Saturday, May 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Grace Shepard reported a consensus among the Built Environment Work Group members to put an emphasis of this General Plan Update on the Town Center. Additionally, trails to and around Town Center are seen as very important and also a reachable goal. Sidewalks, while everyone agreed are important for safety reasons, were not necessarily a top priority for the Work Group, for budgetary and practical reasons, and will be looked at where they are needed. This Work Group has further subdivided into three groups: housing, circulation, and Town Center.

Po Putnam, after hearing these updates, will think about which Work Group he will join for the General Plan Update process.

THE FIELDS AT SHERBORN

Gino informed the Board that the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of the public hearing for The Fields at Sherborn will be held on May 21, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss input from the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, the public, and the applicants and make a final decision on the firm that will conduct the peer review for the project.

AQUEDUCT

The Sudbury Aqueduct runs from Framingham to Chestnut Hill Reservoir in Boston and the part of it passing through Sherborn is owned by the state of Massachusetts. A public meeting hosted by the Planning Board will be held on May 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed usage of the aqueduct as a walking trail in Sherborn. The State will continue the maintenance it currently provides and the purpose of the meeting is to understand the pros and cons of the trail, the town's responsibilities and steps necessary to formally open the trail. Gino will email a PDF of maps and information regarding this proposed project to the abutters of the aqueduct.

Abutters and members of the public were present at tonight's Planning Board meeting and expressed concerns about the potential negative impacts of this project. These issues will be heard and discussed at the public meeting, and included issues like parking, access, security of abutting property, the restriction of motorized vehicles on the trail, and the enforcement of such restrictions.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Tree Manual – Chris Tullmann read through the Town's tree manual and found that there may be some practices that were or are in violation of what is written. Gino will contact the Tree Warden to be sure he knows the rules and regulations about tree cutting and replacement.

59 North Main Street – Marian Neutra attended the last Conservation Commission (Con Com) meeting, during which 59 North Main Street was discussed. The Con Com is trying to protect the wetland buffer zone on Lot 3, while the developer is proposing to put a lawn in the buffer zone.

Marian was unsure of whether a decision was reached on the matter as she was unable to stay until the end of the meeting.

FEMA Flood Map – Gino reports that he met with the police and fire chiefs regarding flood zones in Town, received their comments, and sent the comments to FEMA. In about four years, the flood maps will be redone for Sherborn.

ADESA – A hearing for the renewal of a special permit that allows ADESA to operate a commercial business in a residential zone will take place at the next meeting of the Planning Board on May 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Concerns about enforcement of the policy that ADESA-contracted trucks not drive on certain roads in Town were brought up. In preparation for the hearing, and to address those concerns, Po Putnam requested that maps of the Town be available at the hearing to give context to the limitations of appropriate trucking routes. Additionally, traffic safety and police input will be requested for consideration at the hearing.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on April 22, 2015 were unanimously approved as written.

The minutes of the meeting on April 28, 2015 were unanimously approved as written.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Shepherd
Planning Board Clerk