

Freedom Planning Board

October 19, 2017

Freedom Town Hall

Members Present: Anne Cunningham, Peter Park, Paul Elie, Bill Elliott, Dann Lewis, Ernie Day(S)

Members Absent: Les Babb, Dale McConkey, Paul Olzerowicz

Others Present: Barbara and Glenn McCracken, Jennifer Molin

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

With a quorum having been declared the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Chairmen Anne Cunningham presiding. The minutes from the previous meeting was reviewed as the first item of business for the meeting.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Peter, Seconded by Bill to accept the September 21, 2017 minutes with the following amendments Les has one s and Dan has two n's. Add page numbers, add an e to rational, under public hearing replace complete with o.k., on page 5 add #3 from page 4 as one of the conditions in the motion Peter made under Public Comment, Ageing should read Aging on pages 5 and 6, Sr.'s should read seniors on page 6.

ZBA Meeting

The ZBA will be meeting on Tuesday night, Anne asked the Board if they would like to meet with the ZBA Planning Board in November or December to discuss zoning ordinance changes.

It was agreed that would be a good idea.

Review Proposal For the Scope for a Committee on Aging

Anne handed out Scope for a Freedom Committee on Aging for the Board to discuss. The objective was to agree as a Board what to propose to the Board of Selectman regarding forming the Committee on Aging. Bobbi McCracken explained the challenges with finding long term care beds in the County. There is also a shortage of skilled and short-term care beds. Discussion ensued around the shortage of caregivers and the expense of that care. Elderly housing was also discussed. Anne asked if it is important to identify why seniors are leaving Freedom or does the Board already know why they are leaving.

It was agreed #1 Identify why seniors are leaving Freedom should be pursued by the Committee. #2 and #3 could be combined and #4 regarding ways to bring affordable senior housing to Freedom is beyond the scope of the Committee.

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes

Anne reiterated the goal of the Committee is to make some recommendations on how to help seniors in Freedom stay in their home.

Bobbi will provide brochures to Anne regarding caregivers to share with the Committee.

Discussion ensued on how to find people to be on the Committee. It was suggested to ask the Selectmen to publish the Committee on Jennifer and Neal's website and the Towns e-mail list to see who is interested in being on the Committee.

Update on Solar Energy

Paul E reported on Solar Energy. Paul gave a brief overview on his personal experience with Solar Energy and how at the time he was considering it there was nothing in the Zoning book and how he feels it would benefit the Board to have an ordinance in place.

He explained the cost of Solar Energy is coming down and there are many options. He went on to explain there are some minor issues regarding permitting that should be put in writing such as how to proceed if boring under State Road, if you're doing something in the Village you have to notify Water Precinct officials, so a water main isn't dug up and for roof top installations the Fire Department must be notified.

Discussion ensued around what RSA's look at what you can and cannot do regarding Solar Energy and looking at what other Towns are doing.

Anne asked Paul to look into what would appear in a town ordinance regarding Solar Energy for the next meeting.

Time frame for getting a Solar ordinance on the ballot for Annual Meeting was discussed.

Update on Wind Energy

Bill reported on Wind Energy, he feels there should be something in place for an ordinance. His information was similar to Paul's. He handed out Town of Effingham's zoning ordinance regarding Wind Energy. Discussion ensued on where Wind Energy is currently being used.

Bill also informed the Board Madison also has an ordinance in place and emphasized we should have something in place and feels it should also be in the Towns Master Plan.

Wind Energy will be discussed again next month.

Update on parking Ordinance

Tabled

Review of Master Plan Chapter Status

Anne reviewed the status of each chapter of the Master Plan.

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Town Facilities chapter needs to be gone through. Anne asked Ernie if Karen can provide input to the chapter. Ernie suggested talking to her on Oct. 23rd at the department heads meeting.

Maps – Are partially done

Maps Future – Board needs to get recommendations from Lakes Region Planning Commission, so the Board can make recommendations.

Paul will follow up with Corey.

Public Comment

None

Other Business to Come Before the Board

None

Peter made a motion, Seconded by Bill to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All were in favor.