Town of Freedom Planning Board July 17, 2014

Members Present: Peter Park, Anne Cunningham, Jean Marshall, Maynard Thomson

Members Absent: Janet Meyers, Bill Elliott, Les Babb

Others Present: Jennifer Molin, Carol Demore, Lee Fritz, Paul Elie, Paul Olzerowicz, Chuck

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Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Minutes

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Jean, approving the minutes from June 26, 2014 as written. All were in favor. The minutes from June 19, 2014 will be approved at the next meeting.

Results of July 13, 2014 Meeting

Good turnout-80-85 people attended. Anne asked what people took away from the meeting. Jean ó Wished she knew more about what the original Master Plan was supposed to do. Peter ó What percentage of the original survey was returned?

Anne ó People do not understand what is in the Zoning Ordinance.

All board members agreed to post the presentation and meeting minutes on the town web-site. There was an assumption by people attending the meeting that if nothing is done then nothing changes. How to get more information on this subject? Jean will read through sections of the ordinance and put together different scenarios to better understand different ways people can use their property. The board decided to have Marcia and Scott set up an afternoon where people can come and ask questions. This will happen during Old Home Week when there are more people around. This will be publicized so townow people know and understand the session. Anne will ask Elizabeth about getting teenagers input on Fridayos at the library.

Public Comment:

Paul Olzerowicz thought the meeting was excellent and loved the interaction but would like to know how you encourage people to have the ordinances work for them.

Mrs. Lee Fritz said she left the meeting wanting more information. She would like to know how other towns in the area are doing on this subject and how is it working also if they have businesses in town, did the businesses help them?

Peter asked people of all the statistics presented what was the most alarming - Gross Income.

Jennifer Molin asked the question of public school vs. private school. Why has enrollment in Freedom Elementary dropped? Maynard told of the committee that is working on that issue. Anne gave background on why the zoning came into Freedom.

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

Draft topics for Master Plan Survey

Anne passed out copies of the original survey and the board roughly went through section by section.

Growth-leave in but change to be relevant to whates happening today

Housing-yes

Campgrounds-eliminate questions 18-21 but incorporate question 20 into another section

Freedom Land Use-Add questions on cluster zoning and density

Town Economy-leave but add more context to the question

Community Facilities-leave

Roads/Transportation-leave topic of transportation but delete road topics

Transfer Station-delete

Local Natural & Historic Resources-leave

Jennifer asked for a topic on open space. Jean gave information on renters living in Freedom.

Letter from Zoning Board regarding Article 3 Section 304.6.5

The ZBA is having trouble figuring out how to interpret Article 3 Section 304.6.5 and has sent 4 plans for Planning Board input. Board members did not receive any correspondence on this subject. Anne passed out copies of the four plans and her interpretation. This will be on the agenda for next month giving the board time to review.

Freedom Zoning Officer

The Freedom Zoning Officer has sent 5 changes he would like implemented at the next town meeting. This will be on the agenda for next month as Ned and the Zoning Board will meet with the Planning Board on September 18, 2014.

Right to Know Workshop

Future agenda item.

Update on mapping – Jean

Jean passed out copies of the town map as it stands today. All zoning ordinances have been updated as changes took place but changes have not been input to the map. Board members agreed to leave tax properties; the town has taken, on the map.

Discussion on; Village Residential District, Residential/Light Commercial District and General Residential District.

Public Comment

Carol asked why the meeting on July 13, 2014 took place. At the regular Planning Board meeting on 6/26/14 the board voted not to have the July 13th meeting. Anne explained the work session on 6/26/14 further stating the decision to go ahead with the meeting was made then. Carol questioned the posting of the work session saying she received no notice of the work session meeting. Anne explained the posting requirements.

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Maynard, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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