

Freedom Planning Board June 18, 2015

Members Present: Anne Cunningham, Chairman; Peter Park, Vice-Chairman; Jean Marshall; Paul Elie

Members Absent: Maynard Thomson; Bill Elliott; Les Babb

Minutes recorded by Linda Farinella

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Park, seconded by Marshall, to approve the minutes from May 21, 2015 as amended. All were in favor.

Page 1, last line of Sherwood Forest LLC discussion, change "Camp Cody" to "Camp Robin Hood".

Page 1, last line of page, change "Density Ordinance is" to "Elderly Housing Ordinance allows".

Page 2, add to Commercial Parking section, "The board members felt that if we deal with parking, we should look at the entire article, not just commercial."

Priorities 2015

The Master Plan Survey: There have been 541 envelopes returned thus far. The due date is July 10. The board agreed to do reminders through signs around town, mailchimp, Jennifer Molin's email list, etc. The results may be available for publication around Labor Day.

Master Plan Revision: Sections to be revised include Demographics, Town Facilities and Existing Conditions. There will be a drafting of a future vision for Freedom. Subcommittees will be set up to update the plan after survey results are done with a process to keep the planning board informed.

Ordinance Changes: Consider changes to apartments to allow them in non-attached barns or garages. The Board reviewed the article and section and feel this could be easily adjusted. Consider changes to parking requirements in Article 8. Marshall and Park agreed to work on the parking section of the ordinance.

Mapping, Wind Turbines, Solar Panels and Drugs (medical marijuana farms): Marshall has mapping underway for land use. The board will look into materials regarding wind turbines, solar panels and drugs and decide how much effort to put into this and who would be willing to do it.

Discuss changes to Planning Decisions Inc document

The board discussed recommendation for changes to the draft Mount Washington Valley Regional Collaborative's Housing and Economic Diversity Reviews. The hope of this review is to improve the economics of the valley area with a broader community input. The section for Freedom was reviewed and comments made. Chairman Cunningham will forward.

Review Changes to Site Plan Review Regulations

Chairman Cunningham asked the Board's opinion on Section 1.4 of the Site Plan Review regarding Scope of Review. It was decided to remove section 1.4.1 as 1.4.2 covers it more clearly.

Chairman Cunningham asked the board's opinion about the option of having a minor site plan review, this would be a sub-committee of the planning board. This sub-committee would review the application using a checklist prior to the hearing. The sub-committee would present their finding at the hearing, this would have the point by point review already accomplished. Establishing this sub-committee would require a vote of the town's legislative body.

Marshall stated being in favor of the idea, but doesn't see the need because no big projects come into town very often. Park, Elie and Marshall all support the idea and would like to get the rest of the board's opinion at another meeting.

Other Business

At the request of Marshall, Chairman Cunningham will set up a list of possible times for the board to meet and review zoning maps and the zoning ordinance.

A motion was made by Park, seconded by Chairman Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm