

**Town of Freedom
Planning Board
May 15, 2014**

Members Present: Anne Cunningham, Maynard Thomson, Peter Park, Bill Elliott, Les Babb, Janet Meyers

Members Absent: Jean Marshall

Others Present: Jennifer Molin, Paul Olzerowicz, Carol Demore, Ellie Stokes, Ellen Many, Dick Many, Lee Fritz

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Carol Demore videotaped the meeting.

Minutes

There was a motion by Peter, seconded by Maynard, to approve the minutes from April 17, 2014 as amended. All were in favor.

Page 1; change the date from March 20, 2014, to April 17, 2014.

Page 3, Under ~~Master Plan Survey~~ change ~~residence~~ to ~~residents~~

Master Plan

Anne read ~~What is a Master Plan? Section 674:2 Master Plan; Purpose and Description~~. The board discussed all questions:

‘Does the PB want to ask the Heritage Commission to submit information for the MP?’

- Anne will contact the Heritage Commission and ask them if they want to participate.

‘What information does the PB want to collect? For example, do we start by identifying the major issues facing Freedom like demographics, milfoil impact on water resources, impact of taking over un-numbered state roads?’

- The board decided to identify issues before sending out survey. The Planning Board will contact all town boards and visit their meeting explaining and asking for input.

‘How does the PB want to collect this information—interviews with the department and committee heads? Brainstorming in a PB meeting?’

- The board decided to collect information individually rather than all at once giving board members time to digest contents of each suggestion.

Other questions discussed were:

- *‘What other ways will the PB use to involve the citizens in the MP? In addition to having discussions of survey content in regular planning board meetings, Marcia suggested that we hold sessions during old home week or other events where people can sign up for a time to meet with the survey committee to provide their views. We could also use town email lists to solicit ideas. Other ideas?’*

- *‘Does the PB want to do the MP in its entirety or in pieces?’*

- 'What approach should Freedom take? 1) Use the same survey (basically) with some enhancements to the demographics to give richer information on who says what. Asking the same questions would give a comparison over time of the views of the respondents. 2) Start the Master Plan process looking to the future challenges the town might face and ask the respondents about them.'

Village Road District Options

Village Road is in two zoning districts, General Residential (GR) and Village Residential (VR). After much discussion it was decided to table this discussion until after the Master Plan Survey.

Such Business Properly Presented to the Board

The ZBA and the Zoning Officer will meet with the Planning Board at the October Planning Board Meeting to discuss ideas for adoption at town meeting. It was suggested that the October date would be too late in the year so Anne will revisit both parties and ask for an earlier date.

Public Comment

Carol Demore asked that all handouts to tonight's meeting be put on the town website attached to tonight's minutes.

Paul Olzerowicz agreed with the tabling of the Village Road issue.

Lee Fritz asked why the village store could not be grandfathered in case of a zoning change. Les explained the zoning issue.

Carol Demore asked if the town had a list of all businesses. Anne explained the home occupation rule and said that Libby had a list of all licensed town businesses.

There was a motion by Peter, seconded by Janet, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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