

Approved As Amended 2-16-11
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
January 19, 2011
7:30 PM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the following members were present:

Duncan Pendlebury – Vice Chair	Michael Smith
Rosemary Enright	Susan Little
Richard Lynn – arrived at 7:33 p.m.	

Not present:

Michael Swistak
Dan Lilly

Also present:

Lisa Bryer, AICP - Town Planner
Cinthia Reppe – Planning Assistant

I. Approval of Minutes January 5, 2011

A motion was made by Commissioner Enright and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the minutes with the following change:

Page 3 top of page, A statement was made that private roads ~~+~~**do** not need waivers and....
So unanimously voted.

II. Correspondence

1. CRMC – Reverse Realty 5, LLC, c/o George Fazio, 309 Wellesley St. Weston, MA 02493; to construct and maintain a residential boating facility 72.4 feet beyond MLW – located at Plat 8 Lot 14, 119 Watson Ave. Jamestown RI, 02835.
2. CRMC – Gregg & Margaret Testa Takata & Kazuve Takei, 181 Seaside Dr., Jamestown, RI 02835; assent to construct and maintain a structural and non structural shoreline protection (riprap and coir log) along shoreline approximately 150 linear feet, total. Located Plat 5 Lots 4, 5.

III. Citizen's Non Agenda Item – nothing at this time

IV. Reports

1. Town Planner's Report
2. Chairpersons report
3. Town Committees
 - a. Harbor – a Town Council public hearing is to be scheduled on the proposed Harbor Management Plan and Ordinance
 - b. Buildings and Facilities – continuing to work on report for the Golf Clubhouse and also discussed maintenance on town buildings
 - c. Affordable Housing Committee
 - d. North Rd. Bike Path Committee – continues to meet monthly

4. Sub Committees

Commissioner Pendlebury would like to take New Business first.

V. New Business

1. **Memo from Town Clerk – Re: Town Council request to review and comment on “Examples of Wind Turbine Issues Seen in Ordinance” and “A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Applications and Permitting for Wind Energy Generators”**

The Memo from the Town Clerk forwarded information to the Planning Commission per the direction of the Town Council and directed that it be “reviewed and comments provided to the Town Council”. The Town Council is looking for the Planning Commission to make a comment on the information provided, and it is assumed although not stated, in relation to whether we need an ordinance to regulate wind turbines?

The information provided includes minutes from the December 13, 2010 town council meeting, examples of wind turbine issues seen in ordinances and a draft moratorium. Should we put a moratorium on this right now is what the council would like to know.

Jamestown Record’s Sav Rebechhi said he attended the council meeting last night Jan. 18 and indicated that the Town Council said that maybe the comp plan should include a discussion of where wind turbines should be located around the island and how to regulate them.

Currently they are regulated in the Zoning Ordinance and the procedure is special use permit. As it stands now Commissioner Smith does not see the problem with the current method of regulation and is not in favor of a moratorium for that reason. Lisa Bryer said that often times criteria for review are indicated in the Zoning Ordinance which gives the applicant standards and the zoning board can then say they have adequately addressed ~~it~~ them or not. If we have a list of standards or criteria in writing for a special permit application it will help the applicants, the abutters and the Zoning Board to insure all the potential issues are addressed, for instance light flicker analysis.

The Vice Chair asked if the commission wants to make a statement that we disagree with a moratorium? Let’s not sit here tonight and make revisions to the Zoning Regs.

Commissioner Enright stated that we need to take a stand in the Comprehensive Community Plan as we move forward with the update and that a moratorium is not necessary. Commissioner Pendlebury poled the Commission and they agreed and he asked how the Comp Plan hearings are advertised? The Town Planner indicated that previously we had a hearing for 2 elements per night with a general synopsis in the paper or ~~they~~ citizens can pick up a copy of the update in the planning office or the library. We now have the capability of putting things on line on our web-site.

The Planning Commission will send a memo to the Town Council that says they do not think a moratorium is necessary, that the special use permit process is adequate and we agree there should be additional criteria developed in the zoning regulations to help the town review applications in the future and we agree that both public and private wind turbines need to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. We will start incorporating right away.

VI. Old Business

1. Comprehensive Plan Discussion – Circulation Element - continued


Town Planner Lisa Bryer continued the review of the Circulation element of the comp plan which began last month. The Planning Commission left off at parking the last time this element was on the agenda. The 2004 parking plan is discussed in this section. Commissioner Smith thinks that the paved area curb to curb should be 4 ft wider on Narragansett Ave. The town maintains the trees along Narragansett Ave. and they could be removed but they belong to the state. Commissioner Enright does not want the trees cut down and she agrees with the Town Planner that there is no need for # the street to be wider.

A discussion ensued regarding parking in Jamestown. Add a statement that says there is no overnight parking permitted. Several items were added to the action plan at the end of the Comprehensive Plan.

The planning commission reviewed the rest of this element and made comments which will be incorporated into the plan.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Enright and seconded by Commissioner Little at 9:05 p.m. So unanimously voted.

Attest:



Cynthia L. Reppe

This meeting was digitally recorded