

Approved As Written April 6, 2011
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
March 23, 2011
7:30 PM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.

The meeting was called to order and the following members were present:
Michael Swistak – Chair Duncan Pendlebury – Vice Chair
Richard Lynn Michael Smith

Not present:
Michael Jacquard
Susan Little
Rosemary Enright – arrived at 8:10 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes March 2, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Lynn. So unanimously voted.

II. Correspondence

1. CRMC – Residential Assent – Mark Goerner 95A Howland Ave., Jamestown, RI 02835: to construct and maintain a 4.8 acre aquaculture farm located at West passage Narragansett Bay, Jamestown RI. Received, great project out of Allens Harbor in North Kingstown.

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

IV. Reports

1. Town Planner’s Report –
The last few weeks have been very busy in the Planning Office. A minor subdivision was submitted with 2 non - conforming lots which need a variance. This needs to come before planning. The Town Planner sent a letter to the applicant and will schedule a TRC meeting. The next meeting will have applications. Looking at May 11 for the workshop on Fort Getty which is second Wednesday of month but Harbor meets that day so we will take a look again at the calendar and update. The Town Council wanted to hire a facilitator for a workshop for Fort Getty. We have a land use plan from 2006 and the committee felt more input was needed to confirm that the community still is on board with what is proposed since Committee members thoughts had changed. They were going to send another survey out to residents asking their opinion on the future use of the park. The Council was not interested in a survey so they decided on a facilitated workshop. An RFP went out and 3 firms were interviewed. Landworks Collaborative from Worcester was selected. We are very happy with their ideas are looking forward to the workshop. The Planning Commission will have a role in this workshop which has yet to be defined.
2. Chairpersons report

3. Town Committees
 - a. Harbor
 - b. Buildings and Facilities
 - c. Affordable Housing Committee – CDBG will come to the planning commission on May 4th, there will be 2 hearings between now and then. Swinburne St. bids have been coming into Church Community Housing. The \$50,000.00 that is normally set aside for affordable housing in the budget was zeroed out. \$20,000.00 for a Bike path between North Rd and East Shore Rd. was included.
 - d. North Rd. Bike Path Committee
4. Sub Committees

V. Old Business

1. Comprehensive Community Plan Discussion– Open Space, Agriculture and Recreation

Town Planner Lisa Bryer told the Planning Commission we are in the process of updating the Build-out analysis. We will start the mapping which will be done by our computer mapper.

There have been significant changes to the land use including the Farm Forest and Open Space, a lot of language has been added about the farms.

The Planning Commission went through this section and made suggestions that will be incorporated into this section of the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Pendlebury stated enlarging the maps to be able to see everything would be a benefit.

VI. New Business

1. Appointment of Planning Commission Secretary

A vacancy exists on the commission since Commissioner Lilly left. The Secretary position is in the bylaws. The secretary fills in if the Vice Chair recuses along with chair. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to nominate Commissioner Enright and it was seconded by Commissioner Lynn. So unanimously voted.

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. was made by Commissioner Enright and seconded by Commissioner Pendlebury. So unanimously voted.

Attest:


Cynthia L Reppe

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