

Approved As Written 2-17-10
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
February 3, 2010
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:

Barry Holland Richard Lynn
Duncan Pendlebury Michael Smith
Michael Swistak

Not present:

Nancy Bennett – arrived at 7:40 p.m.
Susan Little

Also present:

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

I. Approval of Minutes January 6, 2010

A motion was made by Commissioner Pendlebury and seconded by Commissioner Holland to accept the minutes as written. So unanimously voted.

Approval of Minutes January 20, 2010

A motion was made by Commissioner Pendlebury and was seconded by Commissioner Holland to accept the minutes with the following amendment:

Page 2 - last paragraph - They will maintain the road. ~~and the-~~
So unanimously voted.

II. Correspondence

1. FYI – Approval Krueger Subdivision - 119 Watson Ave. – Plat 8 Lot 14 . Received

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

IV. Reports

1. Town Planner's Report – Town Planner Lisa Bryer introduced new member Richard Lynn, and reported Susan Little who was not present has also been appointed to the Planning Commission.
2. Chairpersons report
3. Town Committees
 - a. Harbor
 - b. Fort Getty – has not met
 - c. Buildings and Facilities – finalizing report

- d. Tree Preservation and Protection
 - e. Affordable Housing Committee – first public hearing tomorrow February 4th for CDBG due April 13th
 - f. Wind Energy – met with Town Council on Monday night, they are deciding whether they want one and where? Applying for a grant at end of March
 - g. North Rd. Bike Path Committee – met today and are making a recommendation to the Town Council and forward to DOT.
4. Sub Committees

V. Old Business

1. Comprehensive Plan Survey – continued discussion

There were 58 questions on the last survey so our goal is to keep it close to the same.

Commissioner Bennett arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Town Planner Lisa Bryer led a discussion with discussion boards and topics and questions that the Planning Commission had discussed at a previous meeting. The Commissioners will decide which questions are of the most importance.

The commissioners would like to prioritize the monetary questions at the end of the survey in addition to including them in each section where appropriate.

Questions will be developed and a draft questionnaire will be distributed in a month. The following questions were voted on by the Planning Commission to be included in the survey. The Planner will develop full questions and present at the meeting in March.

Natural Resource Identification and Conservation

Freshwater Resources

1. Quantity – Is there public confidence that we have sufficient water?
 - a. In Village (public Water Supply)
 - b. In non-service area (Beavertail, North of Creek)Quantity – total H₂O in Jamestown – should the town expend funds (\$350,000) to determine the total safe yield of groundwater in Jamestown?
2. Quality – Does resident have confidence that drinking water quality is good?
3. System (public) expansion – Are you in favor of expansion of the public water and sewer system to outside the Village (Urban District) area.

Coastal

1. Parking – related to facilities – Are there adequate facilities at major access points (Mackerel Cove, Shores Beach, Taylor Point, Ft. Getty)?
2. Water Quality – shellfish, swimming – Do you feel Jamestown has enough regulation ie: stormwater runoff, Septic System, Sewage Treatment Plant etc. to protect the quality of swimming and shellfishing?
3. Public access/Facilities – Are there enough?

4. Commercial Ventures – operating out of marinas
5. LNG – Do you support LNG ships utilizing Narragansett Bay? Homeland Security – Do you feel safe? \$ also

Wildlife/Vegetation

1. Shade Trees vs. Views vs. Agriculture/Meadow Use – ?
2. Do you want to expend public funds to protect scenic vista's where they have overgrown over the years? (Godena & Beavertail)
3. Invasive Species – veg & wildlife – should Jamestown take an aggressive stance on management of invasive species such as Phragmites, brier, etc...?
4. Habitat Protection – for Birds?

Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Identification and Protection Conservation/OS

1. Do we need additional O.S.? For what reason – passive open space, trail development, watershed protection?
2. Heritage Tree Preservation? Private Property

Recreation

1. Fishing Access? – where should it be – be specific
 - Expansion vs. restriction
 - Support for fishing pier/ NK
2. Boating – Do we need more?
 - Boat ramps
 - Landside Facilities
 - Sailing school
3. Dutch/Gould Island Access
4. Active Recreation – Do we need more?
 - Ball Fields
 - Soccer
 - Indoor Recreation programs
 - Swimming Pool
 - Bike Path

Historical and Cultural Resources Identification and Protection

1. Historic Districts - & where
2. Buildings of Value – Identification & Regulation/Protection
3. Historic View Preservation – Identify – Prioritize, include scapes and buildings
4. Historic Renovation Incentives (abatement)

Housing

1. More Affordable Housing in Jamestown – a vs. A
2. Types of Affordable Housing – would you support SF, Duplex, Multi, rehab, reuse?
3. Multi Family – Do you support it in your neighborhood? Would you support it more if the building and site were regulated to fit in to the neighborhood?
4. Support Tax Credits for affordable housing? Other incentives or requirements? In lieu of A, Rent Control?

Economic Development

1. Ft. Getty – Do you support multi season facility/ campground
2. Ft. Wetherill – options for re-use? Sell?
3. Do you support expanding Commercial District? Reducing Commercial District?
These two tied:
4. Are you satisfied with goods/services in town?
5. B&B allowed in Residential areas?
 - a. Some?
 - b. All?

Agriculture

1. Do you value local Agriculture as a food source? Or as Open Space
2. Do you support local farms having Farm Stands where they sell their products grown on premises? Other – Restrictions?
3. Do you support local Farm Markets where local goods are sold even if the markets are not located in commercial areas?
4. Do you want to encourage the continuation of Agriculture on farms that have been protected?

Services and Facilities

1. Pay to throw – Do you support the pay to throw method of trash disposal (pay per bag of trash) instead of buying a yearly transfer station sticker?
2. Do you support residential scale personal wind generators in your neighborhood?
3. Regionalization- Are you in favor? Gov't. Services
4. High School Services – Do you support Jamestown high school students going to another local high school instead of North Kingstown? Or in Jamestown?
These two tied:
5. Are you satisfied with the Jamestown Police Service – crime management, traffic?
6. Recycling – do you feel well educated about what to recycle in your household?

Transportation/Circulation

1. Narragansett Ave. – Is there a traffic issue?
 - a. One way
 - b. Reduce sidewalk
 - c. No trucks/deliveries
2. Commercial Parking requirement?
3. Additional parking @ East Ferry w/ boardwalk?
These two tied:
4. Parking - More on-street or lot? Paying options?
Traffic Signage – Adequate?

VI. New Business

1. Election of Vice Chair

Planning Commission chair Michael Swistak stated that since Commissioner Girard's term was up and he was the Vice Chair we will be taking nominations for a new vice chair tonight. Commissioner Holland nominated Duncan Pendlebury for Vice Chair Commissioner Smith seconded the nomination. So unanimously voted.

2. Appoint Harbor Commission and Tree Committee Liaisons

Commissioner Lynn will remain on the Tree Committee which he is a member of now as the Planning Commission liaison. A motion was made by Commissioner Pendlebury and seconded by Commissioner Holland to appoint Commissioner Lynn as the Tree Committee Liaison. So unanimously voted.

Although not present at the meeting, Susan Little informed the Planning office that she is interested in being the Harbor Commission Liaison. A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Holland to appoint Commissioner Little as the Harbor Commission Liaison. So unanimously voted.

A Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Pendlebury. So unanimously voted.

Attest:



Cynthia L Reppe
Planning Assistant

This meeting was digitally recorded