

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

May 2, 2007

7:30 PM

Jamestown Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. and the following members were present:

Gary Girard	Betty Hubbard
Victor Calabretta	Michael White
Richard Ventrone	Barry Holland

Not present:

Jean Brown

Also present:

Cynthia Reppe – Recording Clerk

James Buttrick – Shoreby Hills

Harrison Wright – Jamestown Historic Society

I. Approval of Minutes April 4, 2007

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

II. Correspondence

1. FYI – Memo To D Shea Planning Commission Stipends. Received
2. FYI – Administrative Subdivision Approval Plat 7 Lots 45&77 Received
3. FYI – Memo to Zoning Board Re: Sheahans Way LLC. Received
4. FYI – Memo from Peter Ruggiero Re: End of Prohibition by Condition Received
5. CRMC – Assent to construct and maintain modifications to an existing residential boating facility by removing the ramp and float and replacing it with a 4'x40' fixed pier requiring a 20 ft variance from the 4'x20' standard. Received

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
 - b. Fort Getty

Commissioner Hubbard reviewed the meeting from April 5th. Commissioner Calabretta asked if a holding tank is acceptable under the towns regulations. Mike Gray Town

Engineer has been working on this issue. Commissioner Hubbard will ask this question of Mike Gray at the next meeting.

c. Buildings and Facilities

This committee met on April 11th.

d. Others

4. Sub Committees

Tree Committee has planted 2 trees in the last few weeks near Fort Wetherell and another downtown.

V. Old Business

1. Peltier Residence – Plat 15 Lot 52 - Zoning Ordinance Section 314 Sub District A Review, High Ground Water Table-Imperious Overlay District - New Dwelling Hull St. – Recommendation to Zoning Board – continued

The Planning Commission asked at the previous meeting where the mechanicals would go inside the house since there is no crawl space. Jeremy Thomas 107 Garboard St. Jamestown noted that they moved the front door and put the mechanical room just inside that area. A motion was made by Commissioner Calabretta and seconded by Commissioner Hubbard to send a positive recommendation to the Zoning Board. So voted:

Gary Girard - Aye

Betty Hubbard - Aye

Victor Calabretta - Aye

Michael White - Aye

Richard Ventrone Aye

Barry Holland – Aye

Motion carries 6-0

VI. New Business

1. FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant – Planning Commission Endorsement
Commissioner Girard reviewed the Block Grant with the Planning Commission and explained this to the new members. A motion was made by Commissioner Girard and seconded by Commissioner Hubbard to hereby certify that the proposed FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant activities are in compliance with local development Plan as amended and with then Jamestown Subdivision policy as set forth in the 2002 Jamestown Comprehensive Community Plan as amended and with the Jamestown Subdivision and Land Development Regulations and Jamestown Zoning Ordinance. So unanimously voted.

2. Historic District Workshop – Discussion of June 21st workshop regarding Historic Districts in Jamestown

Commissioner Hubbard asked if the Planning Commissioners have had a chance to read the memo she had included in the packet and they said yes. She explained how the Shoreby Hills residents have decided to proceed researching to establish an ordinance to support a Historic District not only for Shoreby Hill but for all of Jamestown.

Mr. Buttrick stated why he thinks the Planning Commission should be interested in this and why they want them to co-sponsor the meeting. Pam Kennedy from the RI historical Commission is the expert and can answer all the questions at the workshop.

Harry Wright on behalf of the Historical Board would love to co-sponsor but also wants the commission and town to co-sponsor with them. In the Action Plan it states that this is important to Jamestown said Mr. Wright. Commissioner Ventrone supports this and thinks it is an excellent idea.

Commissioner Calabretta wants to know what is involved if the Planning Commission supports it? He also said that we have to be careful of the way in which we say we are supporting this. Commissioner Holland is a little concerned about the Planning Commission saying they are co-sponsoring and he thinks the motion should say we are in favor of co-sponsoring this. A motion was made by Commissioner Ventrone that was seconded by Commissioner White to support having an informational workshop being held by the Shoreby Hill Association regarding the appropriateness of having historic districts in the town of Jamestown. So unanimously voted.

3. June 2, 2007 Planning Commission Workshop

Commissioner Girard explained what Town Planner Lisa Bryer stated in the Planners report and the sequence of events of the evening. Lisa will be advertising and sending out notices to the boards and commissions.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calabretta and Commissioner White at 8:18 p.m. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Cynthia Reppe

This meeting was recorded on 1 micro-cassette