

Approved As Amended 5-5-10
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
April 21, 2010
7:30 PM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.

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

Michael Swistak

Nancy Bennett

Susan Little

Duncan Pendlebury

Barry Holland

Richard Lynn

Michael Smith

Also present:

Lisa Bryer, AICP – Town Planner

Cinthia Reppe – Planning Assistant

I. Approval of Minutes April 7, 2010

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

Page 3, 4th paragraph:

entitled "Proposed Site Plan for Victoria A. Valentine & William H. Hutchinson, Plat 9 Lot 534 & Plat 10, Lot 85, 83 Hamilton Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island; Property Owner Victoria A. Valentine & William H. Hutchinson, 3 Meadow Lane, Jamestown, RI 02835;

All in favor. Commissioners Lynn and Swistak abstain.

II. Correspondence

1. FYI – Memo to ZB – Wetmore. Received
2. FYI – Administrative Subdivision Approval – Laflamme. Received

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

IV. Reports

1. Town Planner's Report – Town Planner Lisa Bryer asked ~~if~~ **if** the Planning Commission would like the meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission decided to keep the meeting start time at 7:30 p.m.
2. Chairpersons report
3. Town Committees
 - a. Harbor – Commissioner Little reported the Harbor Commission and Town Council were currently meeting to discuss the ordinance. At the time that she left the meeting it was a very productive workshop. Commissioner Bennett asked Commissioner Little about the boaters vs. fly fishing issue. The casting issue is not something that is currently being discussed.
 - b. Fort Getty
 - c. Buildings and Facilities

- d. Tree Preservation and Protection – Commissioner Lynn reported that for Arbor Day, the committee is planting a tree at Trattoria Simpatico. They applied for a few grants including Tree City USA.
 - e. Affordable Housing Committee
 - f. Wind Energy
 - g. North Rd. Bike Path Committee
4. Sub Committees

Commissioner Swistak asked Town Planner Lisa Bryer about the Downtown Improvement project. DOT decided to look at the plans again so we missed the deadline for Monday the 26th. The dates on all the contracts and ad will have to be reconfigured. The money is allocated they are waiting for authorization from Federal Highways. The Garden Club will be adding planters at veterans square.

V. Old Business

1. Comprehensive Plan – 2010 Community Survey - Review

Commissioner Swistak asked the Planning Commission to limit the discussion to content and not spelling and grammatical errors etc. Please email Town Planner Lisa Bryer if there are changes for spelling and grammar so let's just talk about substance.

Town Planner Lisa Bryer would like to have the survey done on line. There are several ways of making it easy for people that do not have access to computers. South Kingstown was done online. The survey is split up by element.

Commissioner Holland said he would like to see a question concerning an issue that is very prevalent in town right now the LNG terminal. He has a proposed question regarding this issue that he will forward to the town planner.

A discussion ensued regarding each section of survey questions and the planning commission made the following suggestions:

Water Resources

Define safe yield

If you answered yes to water quantity question would you support funds being spent for alternatives maybe put this question under #6.

6 - a – put 51.77 first before total cost, b – change water users to property owners

Vegetation & Wildlife

#9 - change protect ~~bird~~ habitat to **diverse wildlife habitat**

#11 – more neutral for historic scenic views question

Change shade tree question to reflect that planting of shade trees was supported.

Conservation & Open Space

Identify 2 types of open space – passive & recreational

What percentage of land is considered open space now? Federal, State or town owned.

Agricultural Resources

#17 – 20 Preface for Farm questions

Recreation

#22 – change ~~Ball fields~~ to **Athletic Fields & Courts** add **Swimming pools**

#23 – give examples of passive recreation (walking trails, bird watching...)

#25 – add after adequate **recreational** fishing access? ROW, no pier
add after adequate **recreational** fishing facilities

Historic and Cultural Resources

Define historic landscapes in #28

Tone down #29 - Jamestown has a vibrant **an organized** artist community

Economic Development

#33 – change - used overnight rental rooms to **Hotel and Bed & Breakfast**

#36 – check CL question

#38 – Define 4 corners

#39 – relates to 4 corners define further

Transportation and Circulation

#43 Eliminate ferry question and add a question regarding bus service – Do you use it if so where and would you use it more if?.....

Housing

#45 – Look at this for adding an explanation on where the new houses are located (SDD)

#46 – split up duplex and multi family question

Public Services and Facilities

#50 – Talk to Steve Goslee regarding the recycling question

Profile

#61 – age question should show age in ranges

Commissioner Lynn would like to see some Energy questions on the survey.

VI. **New Business** - nothing at this time

A motion was made by Commissioner Pendlebury and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

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