

Town of Acton  
Planning Board Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2008

Members Present: Chip Venell, Jim Fiske, Tom Cashin, Keith Davis, Randy Goodwin, Yoli Gallagher, & Larissa Crockett (alternate)

Members Absent:

Guests: Shelly Blaisdell (secretary), Ken Paul (CEO), Jamie Oman-Saltmarsh (SMRPC), Jack Kelley, Barbara Seckar, Frank Verock, Gordon Waterman, Lois M. Michaud, Richard Michaud, Hannah Phillips, Bill Sherman (Mousam Lake Board), Robert Mann, Andrea Rose (Observer), Scott Mooney, Mike Conway (Selectmen), Peter Smith, Jr., Peter Smith, Sr., Dave Cote, Bernie Yeaton, John Moore, Mark Lowell, Roy Traston, Rob Meyer (Comp. Plan Impl. Comm.), Anna Williams (Comp. Plan Secretary), Bill Lotz, Doris Nevison

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Chip Venell

1. Keith makes a motion to accept the minutes of March 6, 2008. Randy seconds.

Chip has a change to the minutes and it will be noted.

All in favor of the minutes with the proposed change. Approved 6-0

Keith makes a motion to accept the minutes of March 20, 2008. Randy seconds.

All in favor to approve the meeting minutes as written. Approved 6-0

2. Comprehensive Implementation Committee, with assistance from Jamie Oman-Saltmarsh of SMRPC, gave a second presentation to the board and public regarding the changes they are recommending to be voted on at the upcoming annual Town Meeting. Tom Cashin began by explaining the Comp. Plan's maps and plan, as outlined in the report prepared by the Comp. Plan Implementation Committee. Barbara Seckar asked what the process of water extraction would be? Tom explained that the proposed use now is outlined in the site plan review book, and the areas that it would be allowed in are highlighted in the light and dark green areas on the map. Barbara said she was opposed to any type of water extraction in our Town.

David Cote asked Tom if the minimum road frontage for all the areas are going to 250 feet?

Tom said no, that was not correct, and pointed out the minimum lot sizes and the sliding scale of road frontage depending on size of the lot. Gordon Waterman asked the board if they looked at containing sprawl and asked Tom to explain the boards thoughts on that. Tom said currently in the subdivision book there isn't anything listed, but a clustering plan may be included in the future.

Jamie Saltmarsh handed out proposed changes to the current proposal and explained that these

are changes to the changes from the last meeting, and not just changes to the original proposal.

Comp. Plan secretary Anna Williams kept complete minutes of the Comp. Plan presentation and can be referred to for in depth detail of that presentation.

3. The board discussed Pat Hannon's application and said that they have concerns regarding Pat's lack of response to the boards correspondence to him. The board decided to send a letter to Pat Hannon and Curtis, Thaxter, Stevens, Broder & Micoleau with a cc to Susan Rockefeller and Christian Chandler via certified, return receipt requested mail stating that if he doesn't set up the escrow account, as previously agreed upon, by 4:00 p.m. on April 16, 2008 the planning board shall make findings of fact on the application on May 1, 2008, then approve, approve with conditions or deny the application.

Keith makes a motion to send the above mentioned letter to the above mentioned people. Seconded by Randy Goodwin. All in favor. Approved 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.