

ACTON PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

DATE June 7, 2012

ROLL CALL – Meeting began at 7 pm

Members present were: Chip Venell – Chairman

 Jessica Donnell
 Yoli Gallagher (late-did not vote)
 Arthur Kelly
 Robert Smith – Alternate
 Gavin Maloney – Alternate

Members absent were: Thomas Cashin – Vice Chairman

Also present were: Kenneth Paul, Code Enforcement Office and Linda Capristo, Recording Secretary

MINUTES – Approval of May 3, 2012 minutes. Motioned by Ms. Donnell to accept as written, seconded by Mr. Smith – Unanimous Vote.

NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Larissa Crocket, BOS announced that her last day in office would be Tuesday June 12th and if anyone needed anything to contact her before then. She said it has been a delight to work as a Selectman for the past three years. The PB thanked Ms. Crockett for her services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Revisit Stormwater Management / SMRPC Proposal from JT Lockman

Mr. Smith asked what was the past experience as far as SMRPC and if the estimated proposal was a lot of money. Mr. Venell said it is only a lot of money if we have zero dollars; then it is a lot of money. Mr. Venell asked the Board their thoughts; is this something we want to do ourselves or do we want to leave it as a standalone. He then asked if the PB has any monies left in this year's budget. Mr. Paul said adding up this year's expenditures and assuming Mr. Lockman's bill from the other night was the only thing out there; so subtracting his bill would leave \$2,348.02 left on the PB line. He said that is everything combined in the PB lines. Mr. Smith asked what happens June 30th if we don't spend it between now and then. Mr. Venell said it goes into the General Fund and we start over July 1 with a new budget. There are only a few budget lines in the whole Town that roll over. Mr. Paul said if you have a large surplus and knew something was coming up; you could sign the contract with Mr. Lockman and roll some over. Mr. Venell said his estimate is \$2,550. Ms. Donnell said maybe he (SMRPC) could invoice us twice. Mr. Paul said you would only bite into next year's budget for about \$150. Mr. Paul said his only concern was over-expenditure in the beginning of your budget; if you are at the end of your budget year spending out it is not as big of concern. Mr. Venell said he thought we should check with the Treasurer and maybe work something out with SMRPC. He continued by saying he rather it was taken out of this year's as never sure what could come up next year. The only bill out there right now is the bill for Mr. Lockman's visit last month; no outstanding bills out there. Ms. Donnell said maybe we can talk them (SMRPC) down a couple hundred dollars. Mr. Smith asked if there is any reason we wouldn't hire SMRPC. Mr. Venell said he doesn't know of anyone that could do a better job for less money than these guys. They do a good job; they do this type of planning for all of York County. Ms. Donnell said that they have experts for everything. Mr. Paul said this is a complicated newer subject too. If it was just redistricting or changing setbacks; we would do it in house but that this is new technology, new verbiage... Mr. Venell said already we know that from what Mr. Lockman said we don't need Purpose, Goals, Enforcement etc. Like he said the other night; it is much easier to pass something that is folded in than a standalone. Ms. Donnell said also making references to technical stuff rather just than taking up pages. Mr. Venell said we may feel worried

about not writing out all the phosphorus loads for all the lakes and may just use a link and it is right there. Mr. Kelly said that with two separate ordinances; the Zoning Ordinance and Stormwater Ordinance they may not both integrate. Mr. Venell said stormwater is also in the Sub-Division Regulations. There may be something in the standalone that doesn't mesh with the other Ordinances. Mr. Paul said that's how it was when we adopted the State Shoreline Guidelines which was a standalone document and it had conflicts all the way through it. Mr. Venell said it took a long time to mesh it all together. Mr. Smith asked if the Board did the work. Mr. Paul said we did the bulk of it in house. Ms. Donnell said Mr. Cashin and Comp Plan worked on it and SMRPC did the maps. Mr. Maloney said he remembered Mr. Lockman saying if incorporating it town-wide, a separate document/separate Ordinance would be okay; but just looking at Shoreland Zone it makes more sense to just roll it in. Mr. Venell said it would be easier to put it just in the Shoreland Zone and RP. Mr. Smith said the bottom line is it is important enough get it past. Mr. Maloney said good point. Mr. Smith said it seems the better way to get it past. Mr. Kelly said he is generally in favor of having it town-wide. Mr. Venell said it doesn't mean it can't happen later. Mr. Venell said right now, the document just deals with SZ, RP and Business Commercial B; it doesn't deal with the whole town. Mr. Maloney said it would be similar if it was town-wide; I don't see what changes would be in there. Ms. Donnell said exactly, that was the point Mr. Lockman made. He said to make it town-wide shouldn't be that hard and didn't make much difference to him. Mr. Venell said we do have some stormwater areas in the zoning; not just dealing with Shoreland Zone. Mr. Kelly said pretty much this is going to bring the mitigation practices into the Zoning Ordinance and the Sub-Division Regulations. Mr. Paul said he thought the intention was to mitigate it right into the Zoning Ordinance. This was just a draft basically and they were running out of time, in haste they just wanted to have it as an Appendix in the back of the Ordinance but to mitigate it section by section is a better route. Ms. Donnell made a motion to integrate the proposed Stormwater Ordinance as it applies to the Shoreland District, Resource Protection District and Commercial B District and where every stormwater appears in the Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Smith – Motion Approved. Mr. Paul said that if SMRPC makes the document much more similar and easier to read; it will be much simpler to implement town-wide. We all live in a watershed, it's just are you at the top or the bottom of it. Mr. Venell said everyone has runoff. Mr. Kelly said the biggest source of pollution is running off the road. Mr. Smith motioned to accept the estimated proposal from SMRPC, Mr. Kelly seconded. He then said in terms of the budget; how's this going to work again. Mr. Venell responded we are going to try to see if we can get SMRPC to bill a majority of it. The more money we can spend now, in this fiscal year the better off we will be next fiscal year. Mr. Kelly asked what constitutes spending money, having the bill in hand or voting. Mr. Paul and Mr. Venell responded having the bill. Mr. Venell said the way we do it here, if you have a bill you don't get to hold it next year it counts as this years. What we will try to do is encumber whatever we have left over this year to spend this year. If we can't do it for whatever reason we just won't use any legal people next year... any further discussion – Approved.

ADJOURNED – 8:5 pm