

Planning Board Minutes
Wednesday, 19, October 2011
Mallett Hall
7:00 PM

Members present: Ron Hodsdon, Liza Nichols, John Bowdren, Matt St. Cyr, planner
Tony Dater

Members absent: Joan Mueller

Guests: None

1. Call to Order: at 7:11 by the Chair

2. Secretary's Report: p.2, last line of the discussion on the Grindle property, "the" was added so as to read – "Liza needs to look in *the* Grindle file..." On a motion by Hutch, seconded by John, the Sept. minutes were so moved and accepted as amended. Liza reported that she had not heard back from Steve Litchfield about having his plans put on a disk. Nor had she heard from the Grindles regarding an updated partnership agreement or copy of their deed.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business: None

5. Discussion: Ordinance Review – Codes Book Draft - Zoning

Hutch drew our attention to Article 3, Purpose D that Joan and John had put into bullet points, in particular the eighth that refers to "all the requirements of a community life" and what exactly did that mean and entail? After some discussion it was decided that the rest of the bullets covered anything we could think of and so we opted to strike that bullet from the list.

We then turned our attention to the definitions of pollution, blight, noise pollution and light pollution that Hutch and Tony had collected. After going over the merits of each, broad details and specifics we decided on wording to add to the definitions section of the Draft. The exception was a definition for blight which we found too broad and subjective to pin down. It was felt that other requirements of the Zoning Ordinance well covered clutter and decay and unsightly issues and, so, on a motion by Hutch, seconded by Matt, blight too was removed from the bullets of Article 3, Purpose D and no definition was added to the Draft.

Going forward Liza will update a copy of the Draft with our suggestions, corrections and changes and will email the group copies as we go along.

This led to the need for occasional workshops to keep moving and make some progress on the ordinance update. How regularly we should meet remains to be seen but it was

decided to start with a morning workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 26th from 9:00 – 10:00 AM (The workshop was rescheduled to Tuesday, 25th.) to review changes made this evening and begin on further sections of the Zoning Ord.

6. Other: None

7. November Agenda: at present no new business, Discussion will review the workshop and continue Ordinance Review.

8. Adjournment: at 8:40 PM, so moved and accepted.

Respectively submitted,



Liza Nichols, Secretary