

Present: Chairman Sandy Hislop, Denis Hebert, Barbara Hill, Peggy Lamson, Chris Cross, Planner Tom Morgan.

Meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

Minutes of meeting held April 8, 02, were amended by adding that Chris Cross together with Tom Morgan would contact Atty Loughlin re: uses in the Office Zone.

Minutes as amended were accepted on a motion by Peggy Lamson, seconded by Barbara Hill.

Correspondence:

E-mail from Fox Run Mall operations re: Kohls signage

E-mail from Fox Run Mall re: litter from the Wal-Mart, Skating Rink and other properties.

Copy of letter from Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to State DOT re: traffic mitigation measures for the Spaulding Turnpike congestion.

Exit 4 –

Read draft of letter addressed to Commissioner, NH Department of Transport, re: reconfiguration of Exit 4 intersection. The Planning Board thanks the DOT for their responsiveness. Board agreed that plan was not complete to date and added to the letter that they looked forward to continuing the work to refine the plan.

Draft, as changed, was approved and Chairman was authorized to sign on a motion by Hebert, seconded by Cross.

Chris Cross noted that the area of Kohl's and Sullivan Tire is looking good and only needs a couple more directional signs.

Barbara Hill noted that litter on setbacks in the commercial zone is a problem. Tom advised that the Selectmen are studying the problem and will take action.

Board discussed the letter from the Seacoast MPO and asked if Tom Morgan received notices of their meetings. Tom said he does but sometimes with too short notice for him to attend.

Noted that the letter includes the MPO's recommendation for Exit 4 - Board considers the State Dept of Transportation proposal is the best.

Woodbury Avenue -

Noted that the traffic through the town's commercial and industrial areas will change with the opening of the Industrial Corridor Road and the Board needs to ensure that it is a change for the better.

Opening is scheduled for the Fall 2002.

The town will need a concept/plan for the traffic that the State will find agreeable. Board would like to preserve the ICR for local traffic - possibly with signage. Would like to prevent the road being used as a through road and by-pass.

Chris Cross distributed a draft of his suggestions for controlling the flow of traffic on Woodbury Avenue with signalization and controlled curb cuts.

Barbara Hill remarked that she would like to see the center median strip landscaped and she would not like to see Woodbury Ave widened.

Denis Hebert described some of the intentions in the planning of the ICR that would force the trucks to use it.

Tom Morgan noted that the Pease Tradeport will most likely double the number of employees with the next few years and until the Turnpike and Little Bay Bridges are upgraded ,a plan to keep traffic flowing and keep traffic backups at a minimum, will be a must.

Discussed the violation of setback requirements on Woodbury Avenue and on motion by Denis Hebert, seconded by Peggy Lamson, voted to send a letter to the Selectmen advising that the violations of use of setbacks and wetlands can cause precedent setting problems and the ordinance needs to be enforced.

Briefly discussed the proposal to allow some retail business on Pease - Board is in favor as this may ease some traffic congestion - especially at lunch time.

Discussed the role of the Board of Adjustment and Tom Morgan advised that the BOA will be given a copy of any completed amendment to the Town's Master Plan.

On a motion by Denis Hebert, seconded by Peggy Lamson, it was voted to hold another work session on May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Cross suggested inviting a rep of Coast Transportation noting that public transportation should be considered.

Tom Morgan will provide a large scale plan of Woodbury Ave and some colored markers to segregate the various issues to be addressed.

Tom suggested that the members take a walk around the area of Gosling Road and the Malls - that this area in not pedestrian friendly.

On a motion by Denis Hebert, seconded by Peggy Lamson, it was voted to consult Edwards & Kelsey and get some expert advice about the best methods for controlling vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of Woodbury Ave.

Other Business:

Barbara Hill reported on a plan by Rockingham & Strafford Counties to prepare a feasibility study for a wastewater treatment plant in the vicinity of the General Sullivan Bridge. Wastewater from Rochester to Seabrook could be treated at the proposed plant.

Tom Morgan will get more information.

This work session was closed at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Denis Hebert, seconded by Peggy Lamson.

Pat Main
Secretary