

Present: Chairman Sandy Hislop, Barbara Hill, Chris Cross, Robert Simms, Jack Pare.
Also, Planner Tom Morgan, Building Inspector Charlie Smart.
Absent: Denis Hebert, John Frink, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Peggy Lamson.
Meeting was opened at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting held 4-14-03, were accepted on a motion by Barbara Hill, seconded by Jack Pare.

Correspondence:

Letter to Attorney Loughlin and his reply re: proposed changes to the Midas site at the Fox Run Crossings.

Board discussed the above and concluded that Longhorn Restaurant must seek either a conforming subdivided lot or variances from the BOA - that a subdivision would of benefit to all by removing grandfathered non-conformities.

Tom Morgan will inform Longhorn and the matter will be discussed further at the May meeting.

Tom Morgan discussed a written proposal for a high resolution aerial mapping of the town. Mark West who has been mapping the wetlands advises that there is a need for up-to-date mapping (present maps are 10 years old) and recommends the proposal. Tom also noted that the maps could be very useful in the upcoming town wide revaluation and also, the high resolution mapping is an important tool for use in Master Planning. The cost will be \$3,500.

Barbara Hill moved to accept the proposal, motion was seconded by Jack Pare.

In discussion Chris Cross questioned the necessity and the cost- stating that aerial photos, to his knowledge, are available. However, the resolution was questionable.

The motion carried 4 to 1 - Chris Cross opposing

Chairman Hislop signed the order - noting that the time for aerial mapping is limited to before the trees leaf out.

Tom Morgan distributed photos of the Shafmaster and Granite State Minerals properties taken when he and Selectman Jan Stuart visited the sites.

Shafmaster is parking storage trailers in the setbacks of the their abutters (Tyco) property and it is questionable if there is a violation of the ordinance that needs to be addressed - the Building Inspector needs guidance from the Board. Noted that this activity had been happening for many years and there have been times when the trailers could have prevented access to emergency vehicles.

Chris Cross moved to have the Building Inspector notify Shafmaster to move the trailers to their own property on the basis that there is a violation of the setback regulation and there is a misuse of the ROW. Motion was seconded by Barbara Hill and carried.

The Building Inspector agreed to talk to the owners of Granite State about the messy conditions of their site.

Master Plan:

Gail Klanchesser distributed copies of a summary compiled from the resident survey. The summary shows easier to read drafts of the replies in all categories and will be used as a tool to show the intent and interest of the residents in the updated Master Plan.

Chris Cross noted that residents have been questioning the outcome of the survey and Gail's report would be a good way to let them know. He suggested that the report could be made part of a Selectmen's newsletter - it was also suggested that it could be placed on the town's web page.

Tom Morgan distributed a redraft of the Goals & Objectives of the Master Plan and the Board proceeded to review each one of the categories.

Some of the comments and changes as follow:

Commerce & Industry - make note that Commercial & Industrial development is a benefit to the whole State as well as expanding Newington's tax base.

Town should continue to restrict Telecommunication towers to the Industrial Zone.

Transportation - encourage upgrade and improvement of rail service.

Encourage the Pease Development Authority to change their policy of marketing business from Strafford County (causes a lot of traffic congestion) and to reach a regional balance between job growth and housing growth - relocating jobs rather than create new jobs.

Natural Resources - make note in the Master Plan of the Greenbelt Buffer.

Make note that the Town supports the State Shoreline Protection Acts.

Substantial waterfront land west of Bloody Point should be reserved for recreation.

Pease - Suggest that as 90% of the Pease Development Authority's mission is complete the PDA could be abolished and Newington's land returned to the Town.

Rewrite the towns goals for aviation at Pease.

Tom reminded the members that the Master Plan is the legal basis for much of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Pat Main
Secretary