

PLANNING BOARD

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GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD Minutes of August 30, 2012

Department of Planning and Development
114 Main Street, Greenfield

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson at 7:07 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Roxann Wedegartner, Chair; Linda Smith, Vice Chair; Mary Newton, Clerk; Clayton Sibley; James Allen

PUBLIC: George Touloumtzis

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Newton and voted 5:0 to approve the meeting minutes from July 19, 2012.

Action Items:

- a. The Board discussed the Master Plan Committee Recommendation and the process that was used to determine which group finally won out to do the Master Plan. Wedegartner stated that VHB did well in the interview process over the Carol R. Johnson Associates.

MOTION: Moved by Smith and seconded by Sibley and voted 5:0 to accept the recommendation of the RFP Review/Selection Committee.

- b. The Board discussed the proposed Zoning Amendments relative to the Solar Installations. Wedegartner stated the town attorney stated what the Planning Board has written is their best effort and it is up to the Town Council to do with it what they will.

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Newton and voted 5:0 to forward the proposed zoning amendments relative to solar installations to the Town Council to initiate the zoning amendment process.

Discussion Items:

- a. Master Plan Advisory Committee

Wedegartner ran down the list of names on the Master Plan Advisory Committee who have committed thus far. She stated that this list does not have to go to the Town Council but that the Mayor will appoint these individuals. So far we have approximately 33 people although some names are not yet known. Wedegartner states that she spoke with Attorney Singer and the Town Council only has one member interested in sitting on the committee and that may be Mark Wisniewski, but David Singer has declined.

Sibley said in hind sight that perhaps we should have asked GCTV to sit on the committee, but Wedegartner states they are covering this story for the station so it may be a conflict of interest for them.

George Touloumtzis said he sent Eric an email asking for consideration as a member of the committee within the time frame for citizens at large but never received a reply. When he later inquired of Eric, he was told it must have gone into spam as it was not received, but to resend it, which he said he had as a forwarded item, so that he could prove the date the original had been sent. He was still waiting for a reply. Wedegartner stated that if he is not chosen for an at large position, he could possibly help on a Focus Group for his area of interests in sustainability and non-automotive transportation.

Wedegartner, Smith and the Board discussed the Focus groups that will come after the Advisory Committee is set. It is then that we hope people with areas of expertise will come forward to help.

The consultant has set a date of Tuesday, October 9, 2012 as a Community Immersion Day that will start at 9 a.m. touring various points in town and culminating with a dinner meeting and ending around 8 p.m.

Wedegartner encourages all of the Planning Board members to get a copy of VHB's proposal from Eric and read it through. She states the Board will have meetings with VHB in the beginning of the process, then at about 3 months into the process, again at the 6 month point and again around 11 or 12 months into the project, with the end of the project being approximately September or October of 2013.

Sibley asked Wedegartner about the "French King Highway project. Wedegartner stated that we no longer have Dave Martel on retainer to just call him. We are currently waiting on the Judge and her decision on the "summary judgment". Wedegartner stated she would ask the Mayor to please find out what is going on.

Next Meeting was set for 7 P.M on September 6, 2012 at Planning Dept. office at 114 Main Street

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Allen, and voted 5:0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Newton
Clerk, Greenfield Planning Board