

PLANNING BOARD

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GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of October 6, 2011

Police Station – 321 High Street

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members:

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

ABSENT: Alternate Joshua Parker

PUBLIC: Susan Worgaftik and Nancy Hazard from Greening Greenfield Energy Committee.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Allen and voted 3:0 to approve the meeting minutes from September 1, 2011. Newton and Smith abstained as they had not attended the September 1, 2011 meeting.

Discussion Items

- a. The Board listened to a presentation by Susan Worgaftik on the day long program being offered at GCC on Nov. 5, 2011 from 8:30-4:30 on “Creating Greenfield’s Future – Our Food, Economy and Community.
- b. The Board discussed the issue of RFPs (Request for Proposals) for the Master Plan. Smith asked Wedegartner what elements we should be looking at in an RFP. The Board discussed and listed several items of importance such as housing, land use, transportation, natural resources, historical and sustainability. Wedegartner stated that under our grant, we are charged with creating sustainability within our Master Plan. The Board discussed other RFP from surrounding towns that may be reviewed for ideas (Keene, Easthampton, New Bedford, etc.). Wedegartner asked how Amherst wrote their Master Plan and was going to request that Eric look into this. Smith stated that New Bedford has sustainability as a separate category rather than threaded through it. The Board was in agreement that our Master Plan should have sustainability threaded throughout.

Allen questioned why we didn’t have a copy of Brattleboro’s RFP. Wedegartner thought that they were still in the midst of writing their RFP. Newton questioned if we have looked beyond our closest neighbors for examples of RFPs, even out of state. Sibley states he likes Easthampton’s RFP at \$50k and thinks we should build on that because we have similar funds at \$75k. Wedegartner stated that our RFP has to be out by mid Feb. 2012. Smith states that FRCOG is a good resource. Wedegartner states that FRCOG will create their own county wide vision.

Wedegartner asked if Board members would review copies of RFPs by other communities. Smith stated she would review Southborough and Wedegartner asked Newton to review Belmont.

Next Meeting was set for October 20, 2011 or if that needed to be cancelled, the next meeting would be November 3, 2011 at the Greenfield PD.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Allen, and voted 5:0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Twarog, AICP
Director of Planning & Development