

Minutes of October 8, 2002

Raymond Tomorrow!

Meeting held in the Jordan Small portable classroom

Attendance: Jim Stephenson (Co-chair), Brad McCurtain (Co-chair), Harold Burnham, Jean Carter, Ben Levy, Charlie Turner, Rich Rothe (Consultant).

Town Manager Don Willard joined the early part of the meeting to discuss the regional Super Park.

The Committee discussed allowing accessory apartments to be added to any business in town, but decided to recommend allowing this only in the Growth areas.

Jean suggested that the Town should allow in-law apartments to become accessory apartments. A discussion followed, but the Committee decided to move on to other areas since there was no consensus approval for the suggestion.

The Committee voted for the Town to research the applicability of housing rehabilitation grants and apply for them where appropriate.

It was voted that the Town should make available at the Town Hall such written information as is generally available regarding affordable housing and which will assist homebuyers.

It was voted to establish a committee to evaluate the effectiveness of affordable housing strategies, explore options for establishing affordable housing, and make recommendations to the Town.

At the workshop meeting last week, Jack Cooper suggested expanding the VR-1 District as a way of creating affordable housing. Rich Rothe asked the Committee to think about this. A discussion followed. A motion was moved and seconded to expand the VR-1 district. It was voted down unanimously since this seemed contrary to what the community shared with us at the Neighborhood meetings.

Harold Burnham moved that we consider altering the VR-1 District. The moved did not receive a second and died on the floor.

A discussion took place regarding low attendance at the meetings. Charlie Turner suggested that we make the meeting times and place more consistent. Revisions were made to the schedule. Rich Rothe is going to check with Amanda to see what facilities would be available for the changed meeting dates. There was consensus to move meetings that can't be held at the Town Hall to the new fire station. Rich will ask Amanda to check with Denis on availability.

Brad McCurtain  
Secretary Pro tem & Co-chair