



Wednesday, October 1, 2008

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Raymond Planning Board
Jordan Small Middle School Broadcast Studio
423 Webbs Mills Road

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Patrick Clark, Vice-Chairman Robert O'Neill, Greg Foster, Sam Gifford, William Priest, and Virginia Wallace.

SELECTMEN: Chairman Mike Reynolds, Joe Bruno, Lawrence Taylor, and Mark Gendron.

STAFF: Town Manager Don Willard, Planner Hugh Coxe, Code Officer Will Cook, and Karen Strout, Planning Board Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER: Planning Board Chairman Pat Clark called the workshop meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to order at 7:05 for the purpose of discussing how the Selectmen could be more supportive of the Planning Board.

Selectman Mark Gendron initiated the conversation by explaining that he conceived the idea for this joint meeting when he was Chairman. After watching and attending Planning Board meetings, he got the feeling that the board felt it was in some ways handcuffed by the ordinances and that applicants often were doing barely the minimum to meet the ordinances. Gendron recognized that the Planning Board had done a lot of work. He further commented that people were worried about development and how that development was going to impact the town down the road. People want the rural character preserved. Gendron asked the the Planning Board to state what they needed and how the Selectmen could be more supportive. Other selectmen added that the Planning Board needed to be visionary and to think long term about how the projects that they were approving would impact the town.

Suggestions included:

- ◆ to be visionary and think five or more years down the road
- ◆ to work with them (applicants) and ask them for more
- ◆ to give the Planning Board more authority
- ◆ to support ordinance changes
- ◆ to request more direct feed back from departments
- ◆ to require 10 year impact statements from applicants
- ◆ to hold more special town meetings when ordinances are ready

- ◆ to provide list to Town Manager of items that need attention
- ◆ to provide a Selectmen representative to attend meetings
- ◆ to have planner provide periodic updates to Selectmen
- ◆ to keep an ongoing list of ordinance changes needed

This portion of the workshop concluded at 8:24 pm.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lawrence Taylor and Elden Lingwood.

CALL TO RECONVENE: Chairman Patrick Clark reconvened the meeting at 8:33 pm for the purpose of discussing the warrant items for the December 2nd Special Town Meeting.

Planner Hugh Coxe led the warrant discussion and via a prepared summary . This summary is available on line.

MOTION: moved by Robert O'Neill and seconded by Ginger Wallace to adjourn at 9:16 pm.

Vote: 6/o.

Karen G. Strout
Recording Secretary

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