Planning Board Meeting 7/25/2024 Minutes

In attendance: Board Members Stan Bujalski, Mark Canfield, Gerry Panuczak, Harry Bertino, Ryan Timms, and Anthony Patti. Guests in attendance were Scott Monroe, Beth Ellinwood, Ralph Wilbur, Billy Mitchell, Jack Zanini, R. Mellen, J. Babula, and G&T.

The meeting was called to order at 16:00.

Mr. Panuczak presented the 5/23/2024 draft minutes. Mr. Panuczak motioned to approve as written. Mr. Bujalski seconded the motion. All Board members present voted affirmative.

Mr. Panuczak presented the 6/20/2024 draft minutes. Mr. Panuczak motioned to approve as written. Mr. Bujalski seconded the motion. All Board members present voted affirmative with the exception of Mr. Timms who abstained.

Mr. Canfield stated that he invited Mr. Wilbur to attend via an email from the Planning Board email.

Mr. Canfield began discussion regarding the possible CIP warrant article. Mr. Bertino stated that his research showed certain municipalities were very specific regarding membership of such committee, while others were silent on membership. Mr. Canfield suggested that Planning Board, Commissioners, Association Board, and Budget Advisory Committee should be represented. Mr. Canfield asked for volunteers to continue research and get hold of other warrant articles from nearby municipalities for comparison purposes. Mr. Timms will get School Board material, Mr. Panuczak will get Campton material, and Mr. Bujalski will get Thornton material. Mr. Timms and Mr. Canfield will visit Lincoln and talk with CIP committee representation. Mr. Beard will research whether a Village District has different rules regarding a CIP Committee.

Public Comment:

Beth Ellinwood asked if the next Village District annual meeting have a warrant article that memorializes the current covanents that exist.

Ralph Wilbur read a Facebook post, and asked if any of the topics touched on in the post were discussed at previous Planning Board meetings. Mr. Canfield stated that the question was too broad to accurately answer. Mr. Panuczak offered to forward the question to Ms. Allison Smith so that she could provide all Planning Board minutes to Mr. Wilbur. Mr. Wilbur stated that 77% of owners were not in favor of the current Master Plan. Mr. Bertino motioned that the Planning Board conduct a follow-up survey to home owners, business owners, employees, and permanent residents to obtain more information about their impression of the Master Plan. Mr. Bujalski seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of such a survey. Mr. Canfield call the vote, one in favor and five not in favor. The motion failed.

Mr. Bujalski stated that Kerrin Randall acknowledged getting the Master Plan at the Town of Thornton, but their Planning Board was not interested in meeting with the Village District Planning Board. Ms. Randall suggested we discuss further with Thornton Selectmen. Mr. Bujalski submitted a written summary. Mr. Bujalski motioned to include the summary with the minutes. Mr. Patti seconded the motion. All Board members present voted affirmative.

The next Planning Board meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2024 at 16:00 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 17:18 hours on July 25, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Panuczak

July 9, 2024

I went to Thornton Town Hall to speak with Kerrin Randal about the WEVD Master Plan I delivered a few weeks ago.

Kerrin acknowledged having received the WEVD Master Plan

I asked if the Planning Board was going to contact me to get on the agenda to speak with them at a Meeting as we discussed at our last meeting. Kerrin said there was no plan to get us on their agenda since the Thornton Planning Board had no responsibility for the WEVD Master Plan and Thornton has it's own Master Plan that the WEVD must comply with.

I emphasized to Kerrin that we wanted to meet with the Planning Board as a means of communication to explain the WEVD Master Plan and answer any questions they may have.

We had a lengthy discussion about this subject with my emphasis on the structure of the Village District and WEA HOA by-laws. Kerrin insisted that it was not the responsibility of the Town to enforce HOA regulations and or the WEVD Master Plan.

Kerrin further suggested if we wanted to meet with Town officials it would probably be better to address our Master Plan with the Selectman.

Stanley Bujalski