

Planning and Zoning Commission
Special Meeting
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Special Meeting

Chair Grindle called the special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were: Chair Kevin Grindle, Gary DeCesare, Sue Hochstetter, and Randy Thompson. Also present were Alternate Gloria Langer and Staff Member Martha Fraenkel. Absent were: Ev Hyde and Alternate Wayne DeCarli.

Old Business

1. Workshop: Draft Hampton Plan of Conservation & Development

Fraenkel distributed hard copies of the survey results. They will also be added to the town website once they have been reviewed by the Commission. Fraenkel also distributed solar regulations. The Commission discussed how best to deal with regulations and how to handle those who don't follow them. Fraenkel suggested a ticket system. The Commission discussed other issues in town, including a dilapidated hoop house situated very close to the business district, a potential solar farm, and the aesthetics of solar panels.

Bob Johnson, Chair of the Rec Commission, addressed the Commission. He stated that the Recreation Commission had surveyed residents and found that they would like to have more cultural programs in town, such as classical music. Mr. Johnson addressed many possible future goals for the Recreation Commission, including employing a part-time recreation director, trail bed signage, and a Little League compliant field. Planning & Zoning Commission asked Mr. Johnson to put together a bulleted list of program elements that would be goals for the next ten years, including square footage, parts, etc. They also thanked him for taking the time to contribute to the 2016 Plan of Conservation and Development.

The Commission discussed the Energy section of the plan. They would like to include: energy-efficient patterns of development, renewable energy, and energy conservation. Regulations regarding energy sources were also examined and screening solar panels that are placed in the ground in an issue the Commission would like to remedy.

A list of possible maps to include was distributed and the Commission added Open space map with links to parcels and Open space info for adjacent towns. They also considered adding aerial photography from both 1939 and 2012 and an update on the vistas.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Imre
Recording Secretary