

TOWN OF HAMPTON, CT
Planning and Zoning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2015

Regular Meeting

Chair Grindle called the special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 7:04 pm.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Kevin Grindle, Randy Thompson, Sue Hochstetter, Ev Hyde, Gary DeCesare, Wayne DeCarli (alternate), Gloria Langer (alternate)

Members absent: None

Staff: Martha Fraenkel

Old Business

1. Discussion - development of community survey questions in conjunction with the preparation of a Plan of Conservation & Development.

Chair Grindle continued discussion starting at #15 on the previous Town survey.

Elderly and Affordable Housing: Members discussed inclusion of a question about elderly/affordable/disabled housing units. Langer said that the Town cannot provide sufficient services to support this type of housing. Members said that there has never been strong interest displayed in its construction. DeCesare commented that this is more of a selectmen issue. Hyde suggested asking the seniors to weigh in on housing needs and options, but it was noted that residents prefer to stay in their own homes as they age. Langer suggested that we solicit comments on this topic in the survey, but not ask specifically about affordable or senior housing.

It was suggested that instead, a new question be formulated that cites demographic statistics and then asks: is it a concern to you that we are an aging population, and should we do anything about it?

Members then began review of the survey draft prepared by Fraenkel.

"Comment" can be used with or replace "other" at the end of survey questions.

Re Hampton strength and weaknesses: we can use a ranking for each question, from not important to very important, with 5 or more gradations. "Shortcomings" will replace "weaknesses".

Adequacy of town services should be added as a new survey question, including such items as: trash disposal, recycling, transfer station; roads maintenance; snowplowing; town hall hours; senior services; social services; library; emergency services; community center/grange.

We will modify question #3 to ask "which recreational activities do you engage in now" as well as "which would you like to see enhanced".

We will continue with #5, Business opportunities at a special meeting scheduled for 7pm on Monday, May 18.

Chair Grindle adjourned the meeting at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fraenkel, Acting Clerk