

TOWN OF MILTON PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Municipal Building Community Room
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Members Present: Lori Donna, Chair; Tony Micklus, Clerk; and Henry Bonges

Members Absent: Julie Rutz, Vice-Chair; and John Lindsay

Staff Present: Jacob Hemmerick, Town Planner

Others: Gordon Gilbert, Lloyd Gilbert, Evan Barquist, Robert Brisson and Gail Henderson-King

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

The Chair noted those members in attendance, as recorded above.

3. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

4A. Interim Zoning Public Forum Discussion

The Chair introduced and opened a public forum to gather comments and feedback regarding future development in the Checkerberry (M4) Zoning District as well as a public warehousing (self storage) throughout the town. The Commission presented a PowerPoint presentation on Interim Zoning's history, purposes, and content. The Commission asked a series of questions to the attendees on several themes, including:

- Green Building Standards;
- Commercial Growth;
- Residential Growth; and
- Public Warehousing.

Commissioners and attendees discussed optimal locations for specific uses in order to guide future development plans, as well as the advantages and disadvantages to greener building standards. Evan Barquist submitted written comments to the record, which are attached to these Minutes.

5. BUSINESS

5A. PlaceSense Technical Support Proposal

Hemmerick introduced a proposal for technical planning assistance from Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense. The assistance aims at structuring a project approach to arrive at solutions that are responsive to the purposes of the Interim Zoning Bylaws. The Commission briefly discussed the proposal, and Bonges **MOVED** to endorse the proposal. **SECOND** by Micklus. **APPROVED 3-0.**

6. STAFF UPDATE AND COMMISSION ROUNDTABLE

None.

7. MINUTES

Micklus **MOVED** to approve the June 2, 2015 Minutes as presented. **SECOND** by Bonges. **APPROVED 3-0.**

8. Adjournment

Bonges **MOVED** to adjourn at approximately 9:09 p.m. **SECOND** by Micklus. Unanimously **APPROVED.**

Submitted by

_____ Date _____ /cjb
Lori Donna, Chair

EVAN BARQUIST, ESQ.

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Talking Points

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A. School Information

1. Milton Town School District information on student population shows student population has been declining for the past 15 years.
2. The Planning Commission should look into school population information.

Backup Information:

- The State Department of Education school population information reflects this as well.
- Under Act 60, the more students a school district has, the more dollars it receives from the State.
- Towns in Vermont will need to determine how to handle pre-Kindergarten programs required under Act 166. The Milton Town School District is just starting to look into this now.
- School had a facilities plan done in 2012 that highlights improvements needed. However this is separate from student population.

B. Town Core TIF District

1. TIF districts depend upon new development to generate taxes to fund TIF projects.
2. The Town Core TIF district has 2 voter approved projects to move forward: the Hourglass/Town Green project and Route 7 Streetscape improvements.
3. There is only 2 years left to get these and any other projects started that are to use TIF funds – not very much time.

Backup Information:

- Town needs revenue from new development in Town Core TIF district to pay for TIF funded projects. Stopping development will hurt the Town's ability to receive needed revenue from the TIF district for funding these projects.
- The Commission should review the TIF District and work to allow development in order to make the Town Core TIF projects happen.