

November 7, 2013

PC Members Present: Rick Hopkins (Chair), Jean Vissering, Scott Hess, Jack Pauly, Kim Watson, Julie Potter, Gene Troia, Tom Pierce

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order: 7:07pm

Public Comment: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Discussion of Judicial Bureau

Parts of the Judicial Bureau:

- Could stipulate fines for each violation, option of a waiver
- Useful for signs, civil offense
- Currently there are few consequences for a violation
- Use for noise, animal control issues, commercial issues – setbacks, other zoning would be trickier
- Outside of regulations, Judicial Bureau would be a standalone document
- Need to have SB and ZA feedback
- Lots of administration – who would do it?
- Want to find out if SB is interested first
- ZA – what is process of enforcement currently – is there a problem or a perceived problem? Nature & frequency of problems?
- Do ZA and/or Animal Control Officer want this?
- Could remedy sign violations, etc through the zoning regulations
- Corresponding secretary will contact the ZA for feedback on the issue
- Pursue further with DRB to define the problem

Continuation of Discussion of Items for Possible Revision to Zoning Regulations – tabled to 11/21 meeting

Discussion of Potential Town takeover of Captain Kidd Road

- The SB has scheduled a site visit for 11/23 at 10am, with a public hearing on 12/2. The Vice Chair took over the meeting at 8:00pm. Are there any other roads that might be grandfathered?
- How does the SB plan to discourage takeovers in the future?
- Should the entire roads policy be included in the zoning regulations? Further discussion is needed.

The Chair took over the meeting at 8:20pm. The bottom line is the SB makes the final decision, but the Town Plan states that the town should discourage takeovers.

Motion: I move that, as per EM Town Roads Policy and referenced in current Town Plan (page 57), the PC recommends that the SB not accept the takeover of Captain Kidd Road and other new roads in the future. Made: Ms. Vissering, second: Mr. Hess
Discussion ensued on not limiting the takeover of future roads. Under the old roads policy, the town was under no obligation.

Amended Motion: I move that, as per EM Town Roads Policy and referenced in current Town Plan (page 57), the PC recommends that the SB not accept the takeover of Captain Kidd Road. Made: Mr. Hopkins, accepted: Mr. Vissering
There is some feeling among the PC that this will discourage development; expensive roads cause lots to be more expensive.

Vote on Amended Motion: Defeated 1-5-2

Motion: I move to recommend to SB that they take over Captain Kidd Road. Made: Mr. Troia, second: Mr. Pierce

Vote on Motion: Defeated 2-3-3

Review of Minutes

October 17, 2013

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended. Made: Ms. Watson, second: Ms. Vissering

Vote on Motion: Passed 8-0

ZA Report

- Two new permits
- 42 permits year-to-date

DRB Report

- 11/5 – approved addition to Bragg Farm Sugarshack
- 12/3 – possible subdivision - Cote

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Troia, second: Mr. Hess. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary