



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF MAY 18, 2015

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Mickey Smith, Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae, and Joni Lanphear.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Todd Thomas, Planning Director/Zoning Administrator.

Guests: Andrea Caldwell-Beeman, Paul Griswold, Ron Stancliff, Yvette Mason, Etienne Hancock, Tyler Hirschak, John Hollar, Tom Hirschak, Tom Snipp, Charlie McArthur, Polly McArthur, Craig Myotte, Penny Jones, Chris Audy, Dan Wildes, Peter Bourne, Terry Owen, Wally Reeve.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Bob Beeman

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. None.

II. JOINT MEETING WITH TRUSTEES

Todd Thomas Zoning Administrator/Planning Director went over the changes to the Town Plan with the Trustees and the Selectboard. The proposed changes, being made by petition, center on augmenting the existing Land Use Chapter of the Town Plan to add business zoning to the Green Mountain Arena parcels located at 704 Bridge Street and also appending a Flood Resiliency Chapter to the document. Making these changes to the Town Plan would allow Commercial use of the 34 acres of land that make up the Green Mountain Arena parcels (20 of those acres are subject to a conservation easement). Bob Beeman said that tonight was the first of four meetings scheduled and no votes will be taken tonight. Todd included an extra hearing in case the Selectboard or the Trustees made any changes. The approval date is set for July 6.

Public Comment: There were some concerns over what the property would look like in 10-20 years if the additional zoning change is granted (i.e. the possibility of it being sold to a bigger conglomerate such as Wal-Mart. There were also concerns regarding the 20 acres of conservation easement being damaged or devalued by such a development.

Public Comment closed at 6:45PM

Todd Thomas proposed additional changes to the Land Use Chapter for the Village Trustees and the Selectboard to consider. Changes include adding the words "as well as expanding this zone west to include the Houle property behind the radio station" to the end of the fifth sentence of the third full paragraph on page nine of the Land Use Chapter and to eliminate

the words " of..., one of at most," from the final sentence of the second full paragraph on page ten of the Land Use Chapter.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Brian Kellogg to add changes to the Town Plan to include the Houle Property and remove wording" one or two". Motion carried. (4/0/1) Steve Rae abstained.

Motion made by Peter Bourne, seconded by Wally Reeve to add changes to the Town Plan to include the Houle Property and remove wording" one or two". Motion carried. (4/0)

III. OTHER BUSINESS

None

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 19thday of May 2015
Erica Allen, Scribe

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