

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 30, 2008**

Present: Christine Santoro, Chair; Colin Gillis, Clerk; Gregory Strange, Carol Symmons

Absent: Walter Johnson

Staff Present: Marc Rousseau, Alice Savage, Pamela Almeida

**6:30 P.M. DISCUSSION**

Alice Savage discussed proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Amendments.

Items discussed included: the definition of frontage, proposed policy changes to existing zoning for land or structures used for religious or education purposes, site plan approval, residential compounds, parking space and signage, common driveway by right, estate lot requirements and ownership of water mains in an Adult Residential Development (ARD).

At this time, many definitions include regulations and she proposes to separate definitions and regulations.

Further discussion will be scheduled.

**8:30 P.M. DISCUSSION**

Queset Smart Growth Overlay District (QSGOD)

Marc Rousseau informed the Board members that the Board of Selectmen voted at their meeting Monday, January 28, 2008 to pass this item to this Board for move ahead with the bylaw. An informational public meeting to discuss how a 40R works will be held Wednesday, February 13, 2008 in the Selectmen's meeting room and a public hearing to discuss the specifics of the project will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at the Olmsted/Richardson cafeteria. Donald Schmidt of the Department of Community Affairs will be present at both meetings.

A public hearing notice has been sent to The Enterprise for publication on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The notice was sent certified mail to the Old Colony Planning Council, Department of

Community Affairs, and planning boards in the town/city of Brockton, Mansfield, Norton, Raynham, Sharon, Stoughton, Taunton and West Bridgewater. The notices were also given to the Board of Appeals, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Building Department, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, Police Department, Recreation Department, Town Clerk and Water Department.

The current draft of the proposal will be available in the Planning & Community Development office for review.

### **9:00 P.M. DISCUSSION**

#### Staff Report - Projects

Alice and Marc reported to the Board projects they are currently working on.

Alice continues to work on the Planning and Zoning rules and regulations to make into a single book. She is on a committee for the Stormwater Management and Low Impact Development Plan, with Wayne Southworth, DPW Director; Jack Marsh, Operations Manager of the Water Division and David Jacobsen of Emory Engineering. She is also working on the 300 Foundry Street project with the BSC Group. This property was purchased by the Town and they are potentially working of a subdivision plan, which would then potentially be brought to the Board for site plan approval and then the Town would sell the property with the approved plan.

Alice is the Housing Partnership liaison for the Department and they are looking to merge with the Fair Housing Committee, rewriting the charter and looking for possible ways to utilize CPA funds for housing.

She maintains the websites for the Board and the Planning & Community Development department.

She is on the Community Visioning committee and has been assigned to head a sub-committee on preservation.

She is also head of the Rose Garden project to restore the garden on the grounds. She has applied for a grant to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to help fund the project. The proposed budget for the project is \$90,000.

Marc continues to attend the Rail meeting (informed the Board that the Board of Selectmen voted against the Stoughton line, which would allow the rail to run through Easton).

He is working on a proposal to the Urban Land Institute regarding the route 123 and Depot Street area if the 40R goes through and how to link the surrounding areas.

He is also working on a 43D (Expediting Permitting Program) proposal. The Town would have to nominate a site and if approved, would have 180 days to issue a permit. This item would be on the Town Meeting following the 40R warrant, which would have to pass in order to opt into this program.

### **OTHER DISCUSSION**

Carol Symmons asked for an update on the Shovel Shop project. Marc attended a meeting today regarding this and reported that a traffic study done of the area will be discussed at the Selectmen's meeting on February 11, 2008.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2008

A motion was made by Gregory Strange to accept the meeting minutes of the January 16, 2008 meeting, seconded by Carol Symmons. Vote PASSED (3-0) Will put on next agenda for signature by the Board Clerk.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Carol Symmons to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Gregory Strange. Vote PASSED (3-0)

Respectfully submitted by *Pamela Almeida, Secretary* on February 13, 2008.

Signed by

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Colin Gillis, Clerk

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Date