

I - Call to Order

PC Members attending- Dennis Casey, Chair, Jason Barnard, Norm Cota, Hugh Johnson, Kelly Norris and Dan Nugent

Others attending- Scott deBaise, Kerry Kurt (8:10PM) and Dave Wetmore.

7:00 PM –Dennis called the PC meeting to order.

Visitor Business and adjustments to agenda-

Scott asked for a final draft copy of the bylaws to be emailed to him. Dave will see to it Monday morning.

II- Minutes

PC reviewed 1/21/2016 minutes- Norm moved as corrected. Kelly 2nds. 1/21/2106 minutes approved 4-yes, 0-no, Jason and Dan abstained.

III- PC Business

Dennis asked about progress on the Bylaw review- Dave noted that he has not received any comments back from Jim Carroll, Jim Runcie or Adam @ACRPC. Comments were not expected before the Boards 2/18/2016 meeting. Dave shared that Brady had included growth management standards that are attached to the subdivision and PUD standards. Brandy has reiterated that without a capital plan and a justification for growth restrictions it may not be legal. The subdivision and PUD standards are included in the draft Bylaws. The language is included with the Boards packet tonight. Dennis asked if those reviewing had that piece. Dave was unsure but he will send.

Dave- also shared a draft “Bylaw Report to the Selectboard” for PC review. Dave feels it still needs work. PC expressed the following comments:

1. Need to strike reference to water extraction page #2, #3.
2. Should to express changes to the zoning districts as percentages of total land acres in Starksboro.

PC felt the report is drafted well and will review final in a couple weeks.

Dave- shared that Brandy asked the PC to send a letter of support to the Legislature regarding H.367. This Bill proposes to change the required Town Plan update from 5 years to 10 years. Norm moved to have Dave draft a letter of support for Board signatures next meeting. 2nd by Dan. Discussion- Dennis and Dave expressed frustration that the PC had not addressed some of the other issues facing Starksboro, like improving life of MHP residents and pedestrian safety in the Village area. This is largely due to State requirements like the Town Plan. Approved 6-yes and 0-no.

Jason- asked Dave to see how the Towns parcel maps could be imported to the States ANR interest locator map.

Kerry Kurt attends at 8:10 PM

Town Plan discussion-

Dave reminded the PC that the Town Plan needs to be updated and readopted this year, if possible. PC discussed public outreach methods and how to get more participation. Dan suggested incentives to get people to participate. That would require people to provide contact information which is often not welcomed. Scott suggested using “survey monkey”. Dave shared that one concern New Haven had was making sure that only Town residents responded. PC asked Dave to provide past surveys and forums questions for next meeting.

IV- Other

Dennis- asked if visitors had anything more they wanted to share. Both Scott and Kerry said no. Kerry expressed that she was here to say hi.

Dennis- stated that this is Jason’s last meeting as he will be on vacation next meeting. The Board expressed their thanks to Jason for his service and the talent/skills and resources he was able to bring to the Boards work. Jason expressed that his tenure had been very interesting. Good discussions and good experiences has been time well spent.

VII- Adjournment

Norm moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM, Dan Nugent 2nds. Motion to adjourn 6- yes, 0-no.