

Planning Commission Meeting
July 12, 2011

Present: Tom Wells, Susan Kavanagh, Ken Weston, John Elder, Kris Perlee, Skimmer Hellier, Chico Martin (on the speaker phone), and Bill Sayre as of 7:45 pm.

Visitors: Randall Freeman, Naomi Drummond, Chauncy Eldridge, Robert Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Others: Mary Arbuckle, Neat TV and Andrew Stein, Addison Independent

Meeting took place in Howden Hall and called to order at approximately 7:04 pm.

Public comment: Naomi Drummond pointed out a necessary correction to the Town Plan draft under discussion/review in the Transportation chapter (page 17 D), pointing out updated information regarding ACTR service to Bristol and increased ridership numbers. Also, she commented about the northeast corner of Hewitt Road and Rt. 116 stating that it is her preference that the PC's zoning considerations not adjust that particular parcel to be "rural mix."

A gentleman guest made a comment about the need for gravel in the future in Bristol and questioned the PC about being "against the Lathrop pit proposal."

Administrative matters: Tom pointed out that the new June 30, 2011 version of the Town Plan (TP) draft is not shorter but merely appears to be so because of the new formatting by consultant Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense. Upcoming meetings: August 9th, September 6th and likely September 20th. Likely to devote September 20th to be a public hearing on the new TP draft (meaning the PC will have to finish up work by August 9th in order to properly warn the public hearing). Discussion about the format of the proposed public hearing, chair typically leads and PC does not respond to requests for information beyond general information questions and clarification. Contract not yet signed with Adam Lougee of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission to assist the PC with the zoning review and changes. Would like to finish using the current municipal planning grant, which will expire on Dec. 31, 2011 and therefore will revisit meeting twice per month in order to use the grant money effectively, at least through the grant timeframe. Perhaps Adam Lougee will attend the September 6th meeting to get back to work on zoning.

John Elder moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2011 meeting and Kris Perlee seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Town Plan draft review and discussion: Adam Lougee/APRPC provided the PC with updated maps to consider including in the new TP draft. Tom clarified that the map/illustration used as part of the March 1 Town Meeting survey showing a no-extraction zone in and around the core downtown area will be included in the TP as referred to in Chapter 12, Land Use.

The PC commenced on a page by page review of the June 30th draft. Tom served as secretary, recording specific word changes, additions, deletions, corrections, moving through Chapters 1 through 11. Sue Kavanagh has back-up notes, if needed. Work will continue with Chapter 12, Land Use at the next meeting, August 9th.

Chico Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; motion seconded by Kris Perlee, and motion passed with all in favor.