

Wales Planning Board

Meeting Minutes

10/26/16

*Note: Meeting re-scheduled from 10/17/16 meeting due to office evacuation.*

PRESENT: James Whalen; Keith Hood; Bill Matchett; Danelle LaFlower; Amy Sacco

ABSENT:

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Bill made a motion to accept the minutes from the 9/26/16 meeting.

Keith seconded.

All in favor.

Bill updated the board on the David Chapin/Walker Road building project. Bill previously spoke with the Wales Building Inspector Jack Keough. Jack reported that no copy of paperwork (special permit documentation) had been submitted by Chapin to the town to approve current building projects, meaning, Chapin is building off of old building permits (only valid for 2 years) and has no approval for septic work.

Bill stated that it is the responsibility of the Building Inspector and the Board of Health at this time.

Bill inquired about when the BOH meets and might attend an upcoming meeting.

The board quickly mentioned that when a master plan is discussed that the by-laws should be reviewed at that time.

Road's list: Danielle is working on the list and a map to showcase on voting day for the community to view.

Ethics training – all planning board members have completed.

Dispensary draft: Next step is to have a collaboration meeting inviting the BOS; Police; Fire; Road Commissioner. Proposed date is the Planning Board's next meeting 11/14/16 at 7 p.m. Second step would be a public hearing (January).

Keith made a motion that the Planning Board invite BOS/Fire/Police/Roads Commissioner to the Planning Board meeting on 11/14/16 at 7:00 p.m. and for a draft of the dispensaries document be included for their review. The Planning Board is asking for their review and comments on the proposed by-law.

Bill seconded.

All in favor.

James reported that the CDGB (Community Development Block Grant) is changing and it would affect the board if we needed CDGB money; we can't expect the same process as to how the money has been doled out in the past.

PVPC: James reported on his recent attendance at a PVPC meeting. Most of the discussion was related to access to food and nutrition education. The next PVPC meeting is their annual meeting. They also offer ongoing citizen training meetings.

Bill brought up the issue of solar power and that the board needs to start researching and discussing for a future by-law.

James reported that Patrick Beaudry, Manager of Communications and Public Engagement at the PVPC reached out via email offering help in any way and offered to attend an upcoming Planning Board meeting. The board suggested that Amy reaches out to him to let him know that future discussions re: by-laws for dispensaries, solar and discussion of a master plan will be upcoming and to let him know he is invited to attend a meeting when we will be discussing any of these topics.

Danelle discussed the letter received by FEMA regarding the Shetucket Watershed discovery meeting. Danelle mentioned that if this affects the town of Wales then research and discussion will need to be done by the planning board. Danelle to research the watershed.

Commuter rail project: Amy and Danelle shared that they attended the meeting in Palmer on 10/4/16. Amy handed out meeting notes and maps/charts.

Keith made a motion to adjourn.

James seconded.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45