



Mason Planning Board

February 23, 2010

Approved

Attending

Pam Lassen (chair), Dotsie Millbrandt, Chris Guiry (ex-o)

Absent

Linda Cotter-Cranston, Bruce Mann, Mark McDonald, Eric Anderson

Call to order

7:42 pm

Next Meeting

March 23, 2011

Old Business

New Business

Hearings

None

Planning

Steve Wagner has recommended that we group several changes to regulations, bylaws, etc, together in one public hearing, instead of several public hearings over the year.

Do we need to update the Storm Runoff and Drainage sections of the Subdivision Regs? There is OEP grant money that a town could apply for. Dotsie: We only have so much time and energy to devote to upgrading regulations, and we have other areas that are more important to our town. Chris: Our soils are not unduly subject to runoff (rocky, lots of tree roots), particularly in their undeveloped state.

There may be also OEP grant money available for updating master plans and drawing up a CIP. That would be more useful to our current activities.

What would we like to work on?

Chris:

- Underground utilities for subdivisions.
- Cisterns: Should they be required to conform to the existing grade (flush to the ground), rather than protrude up in a mound?
- Commercial zone:
 - All three selectmen are interested in pursuing this.
 - How would a commercial zone protect us from undesirable development more than the special exception provisions?
 - How would this impact existing home businesses, etc? ZBA processes?
 - We should do a cost/benefit analysis of the advantages/disadvantages.
 - We should write up to explain to people how the current home businesses and special exceptions work, and contrast that with how it would work with a commercial zone.

Notes

Adjourn

Chris makes a motion to adjourn. Pam seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 8:30.