

NORTH BERWICK, MAINE, 03906

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD MAY 27, 2010

Present: Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf, Julie Fernee, Patrick Raftery and Lawrence Huntley, CEO.

Absent: Chairman R. Todd Hoffman, Barry Chase and Christopher Karcher.

Also Present: Jane Barnum, Steve Barnum, Bruce Jordan and Shiela Jordan.

1. Call To Order:

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf opened the Planning Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf moved Patrick Raftery to full Planning Board member.

2. Current Business:

A. Planning Board Workshop: Comprehensive Plan Review

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf explained that the Board will be reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and the first section is Population and Growth.

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Julie Fernee replied that I agreed with it and I liked it. There was a lot of material in there, but I didn't find anything that I found particularly objective.

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf spoke that I liked the idea of encouraging growth in the downtown village areas, but there isn't that much open space that you could do anything with.

Lawrence Huntley, CEO spoke that we had a major confrontation with people from downtown with growth areas. The comprehensive plan says this is where we want growth, but everyone downtown doesn't want growth.

Julie Fernee spoke it is the old story, you move to a place and you want it to be like it was, because that is why you moved there. Then it begins to grow and change and nobody likes it. I don't know the answer, but it happens whether you like it or not. But have changes done as nicely as possible.

Lawrence Huntley, CEO suggested that the Planning Board should look at the areas that are designated affordable housing and see if that is exactly the way you want it because right now is a good time to change it if you don't want, with affordable housing which you have to provide by law. I don't know if you want it in some of these places where it is now allowed. The little tiny

houses on little tiny lots isn't what it was meant to be. I think in the downtown area they were looking at apartment houses.

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf spoke and what we have for affordable house is State guide lines.

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf open the meeting to the public at 6:40 p.m.

Steve Barnum spoke that this is our first meeting and we are observing.

Jane Barnum asked about the housing on the road where the sheep are. There are some houses there in the back that is just regular apartments.

Lawrence Huntley, CEO answered those are condominium.

Julie Fernee replied that they are rather nice looking.

Jane Barnum spoke that as far as affordable housing are concern. I think that is kind of nice idea for affordable housing it addresses the lay of the land and you don't see that it is affordable housing. If you live in affordable housing, you don't want it to look like it is. There are towns that put affordable housing in a mix, you are compliable to State requirements and yet you don't have the conglomerate of people that are in this situation.

Julie Fernee spoke that I think affordable housing is for young couples who are starting out. Then people go from affordable housing to regular houses.

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf spoke that I promote growth, but let's do it in the right way. Put up houses that the community wants and can afford and go from there.

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf asked if there were any more discussion.

The Board will continue to review Population and Growth and start reviewing the next section of the Comprehensive Plan.

Vice Chairman Shaun DeWolf closed the meeting to the public at 6:55 p.m.

Lawrence Huntley, CEO will make copies for the Planning Board on Marijuana Ink that was provided by Patrick Raftery.

3. Preview Next Agenda

4. Other Business:

5. Review Previous Minutes:

Julie Fernee moved to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2010, Patrick Raftery seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

6. Adjournment:

Julie Fernee moved to adjourn the Planning Board Meeting of May 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Patrick Raftery seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

Lawrence Huntley, CEO
Planning Coordinator

Respectively Submitted
Anita Lambert

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman

Barry Chase

Julie Fernee

Shaun DeWolf

Christopher Karcher

Patrick Raftery

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman
Barry Chase
Julie Fernee
Shaun DeWolf
Christopher Karcher
Patrick Raftery
CEO
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