

Town Center Committee Meeting Notes 3/10/2014 prepared by Skip Murray

Present: Stephanie Carver, Steve Parkhurst, Peter Curry, David Sherman, Lee Ruddy, Skip Murray

Town Staff present: Maureen O'Meara

1. Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm
2. 2/10/14 meeting minutes unanimously approved
3. Open meeting for public comment:
 - a. Mary Townsend, Pearl Street, spoke. Does not like the 2/10/14 minutes and doesn't think the goals line up with public opinion
 - b. Suzanne McGinn, Shore Road, spoke. Thinks the town center should be a low priority and doesn't want to encourage development next to the Land Trust for a village green. It is easier to do on school property,
4. Close public comment
5. David Sherman would like to prioritize draft goals
6. Maureen O'Meara introduced Mike Concannon from C's Market to share his thoughts on the approval process for a new business in the town center.
 - a. Mike explained that the process was easy but took longer than he thought (almost 1 year)
 - b. He thought the fact the development was in CE town center that it cost him about 20% more (approximately \$40,000.00) to put in the required infrastructure and design
 - c. He did not mind , he likes the look and is excited to get started
 - d. Mike stated that he looked at other properties and is still happy with his decision
7. Maureen gave an overview of the draft goals
8. The committee agreed that any tiff money needs to go towards town center infrastructure
9. The committee agreed we did not need to prioritize goals
10. Skip was not at the last meeting and will go over the tiff info with Maureen
11. The committee agreed the gateway idea should be downplayed
12. The committee thinks the recommendations and goals should go to the top of the list
13. The committee agreed to include the storm water plans in the appendix
14. The committee agrees that an implementation committee is not needed
15. The committee agreed to place a town center properties map in the plan. Some discussion was had over whether to include historical buildings or not.
16. Citizens discussion at end of meeting
 - a. Mary Townsend wants to be cautiou with filling in town center wet lands for development
17. Meeting adjourned 6:02 pm