Waltham Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

January 20th 2015

Attending:

PC Members Amanda Bodell, Anthony Duprey, Garry Gaines, Terry Evarts, Phil Nowell

Addison County Community Trust – Elise Shanbacker Ex. Director

Addison County Regional Planning Commission – Claire Tebbs

Terry called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Elise introduced herself and spent time explaining her role and the purpose of her attendance. The ACCT has an option on Gevry Park until the end of February, and they are in the process of moving forward with their desire to purchase the park. They are seeking an extension on the option and are exploring several funding sources for the proposed acquisition and redevelopment. Their current thinking is for a 14 unit housing project that would combine low income multi-family homes with some senior living residences that would be owned by ACCT and rented out to the tenants.

ACCT needs a show of support for the project from the town that would best be addressed by the SB since it is beyond the scope of the PC to provide those commitments. Terry explained that the DRB would get involved when the time is right to apply for a permit and explained the process to use to seek a permit for the development work. He provided Elise with Ken Wheeling’s contact information and office schedule.

Terry also agreed to contact the select board chair and explain that what the ACCT needs is within the purview of the SB’s responsibility and not the PC’s.

Claire confirmed the receipt of the grant for the revisions of the town plan and that it was accepted as proposed. She provided guidance with developing a work plan and we agreed on homework for the PC and for her portion of the work to be done by the March 17 meeting.

The PC members need to read the Land Use sections of the plan (pages 18, 19, and 35 of the current plan) and the Land use sections of the current zoning and study the related maps.

Also we need to read the handout for Flood Ready/ Resiliency planning and study the approved planning grant and goal setting handout.
All of the above is in preparation for discussion at the February PC meeting so we can be prepared for the March 17 meeting where we will review this with Claire. In the meantime Claire will be working on the ACRPC portions of the grant action steps.

Amanda Moved and Anthony seconded approving the November draft minutes as written with the exception of changing the minutes to read that we moved to approve the October minutes instead of September. The motion was approved unanimously.

Anthony moved and Amanda seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.