

APPROVED

HUNTINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of April 15, 2014

PRESENT: Everett Marshall, Knox Cummin, Mark Smith

ABSENT: Beverly Little Thunder

OTHERS PRESENT: Dawn Taylor, Terry Ryan

MINUTES: Heidi Racht

RECEIVED 
DATE May 8, 2014

- 7 pm Meeting Begins
 - Welcome Terry Ryan - oath of office
 - Public Comment
 - Minutes of April 1, 2014
 - Mail
- 7:25 Summary of Changes - Review draft
 - Town Plan section goals
- 9 pm Member Business
- 9:15 Adjourn

Terry Ryan took the Oath of Office before the meeting began.

The meeting began at 7:12 pm; chaired by Knox Cummin. Minutes were taken by Heidi Racht.

Public Comment	<p>Nils Smith came before the Commission to talk about a project he would like to do on Bert White Road. Smith said he would like to combine two acres of land from Cassandra Wilday with three acres to have a five-acre house lot.</p> <p>Knox Cummin explained about the transition to DRB and timing of Smith's application, noting that the DRB could take the project from the start; he emphatically stated that the Commission wanted to get out of the review mode. He noted that the Selectboard had the DRB hearing scheduled for May 19. He asked Smith if the project was urgent.</p> <p>Smith replied that he had concerns that the process for installing the DRB would take longer than planned and he had interest in the property now.</p> <p>After more discussion, Smith said that he would submit an application. If it appeared that the DRB was going to be in place shortly after the public hearing, that body would regulate the project; otherwise, the Commission would hear it.</p> <p>The Commission then went on to discuss the DRB implementation, as it is apparent that the change will be effected when there are people willing to fill the positions on the Board.</p>
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	<p>ACTION ITEM: Knox Cummin will get in touch with Joe Perella and other ZBA members to see whether they are willing to serve on the DRB.</p> <p>Mark Smith stated that the DRB will take some time to get implemented, he said, "This is a formidable process. It means conceptual changes for how we do things."</p>
Minutes of April 1, 2014	Beverly Little Thunder moved to approve the minutes of April 1, 2014, with changes; seconded by Mark Smith. Approved unanimously.
Mail	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Act 250 Permit application by Miles and Caitlin Jenness, Shaker Mountain Road, dated April 14, 2014. 2. Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Stream Alteration General Permit guides, dated April 10, 2014, printed from an email received April 15, 2014.
Summary of Changes – Review Draft	<p>The Commission reviewed a document drafted by Heidi Racht which compared the proposed Town Plan with the 2007 Plan. This document will go to the Selectboard after it has been revised.</p> <p>Mark Smith commented that the document did "a good job summarizing changes, but doesn't tell people what they mean.</p> <p>Knox Cummin suggested that the implications "be shown in the regulations."</p> <p>Smith said that, "the task of the Planning Commission is to come forth with strategy and implementations that better our town." He explained that, in the past, a lot of the Town Plan hearings have been about regulations, "instead of what we can accomplish for our town."</p> <p>Cummin then noted that the non-regulatory goals have more impact, using recreation trails and senior housing as examples.</p> <p>At Everett Marshall's suggestion, the Commission went over the document, point by point and made changes, finishing around 9 pm.</p>
Town Plan Section Goals	<p>Knox Cummin asked the Commission members to take ownership of a sections of the plan, so when the regulations are revised, there will be an opportunity for the Commission to have "experts" making comparisons to the Plan.</p> <p>Terry Ryan: Recreation, Energy, Land Use Everett Marshall: Land Use Natural Resources, Facilities and Services</p>

	<p>Beverly Little Thunder: Housing for the Elderly, Historic Features, Amending and Updating the Plan</p> <p>Mark Smith: Economic Plan, Village Section of Land Use, Schools. Second tier: Recreation, Housing for the Elderly, Historic Features</p> <p>Knox Cummin: Housing, Childcare, Energy</p>
Municipal Planning Grant	Much of the next meeting will be devoted to the direction of this project.

Adjournment: Everett Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mark Smith. The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES TO THE HPC: April 16, 2014

MINUTES APPROVED: May 6, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES TO THE TOWN CLERK: May 8, 2014