

LYME PLANNING BOARD MEETING
May 15, 2008

Present: Ann Harris, Don Bourquin, Dan Villa, Bert Bowers, Paul Norton,
Judy Tyndall

Absent: All present

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

There was no privilege of the floor as no one was present.

The minutes from the last work session held on April 17 at the Three Mile Bay Firehall were reviewed and one correction was made – the portion involving the Town Board meeting were stricken as these minutes will be reflected in the Town Board minutes. Thank you to Kathy Munger for taking the corrections for the last meeting as Judy Tyndall was absent. Motion was made by Dan Villa to accept the minutes with the one correction, seconded by Bert Bowers – all approved.

Communications and/or Reports: Judy advised that Nancy Madsen from the Watertown Daily Times had FOILED the Planning Board minutes from January 2007 to present. The FOIL request has been honored.

Boo discussed our budget and suggested that Board members take advantage of training sessions as the budget allows this. She also discussed a donation to the Willie Putnam Tournament for one bicycle from the Planning Board. She suggested that each member donate towards the \$80 purchase, or take it from the budget. If all 5 donated, it would cost us \$16 each. All approved except Don. Judy will also bring this up to the Lyme Comm. Foundation and the Garden Club.

Tape Recorder: There appears to be only one working tape recorder for all of the Boards that meet. Judy suggested purchasing our own. Don suggested that Judy ask Jo Morrow who recently purchased one for the Village. She may allow us to use hers once a month. (NOTE: Judy did ask Jo and she has no problem with this. We only need to let her know Thursday during the day so she can leave it out for us.)

Discussion of Relevant Municipal Activities: Bert suggested that some sort of a combined Town and Village Planning Board meeting be set up for discussion of mutual issues. There may be like issues that we could work on together or help each other accomplish. If we worked together with the Village we could form cohesive planning for the good of both. Both the Town and Village of Clayton work together and it was suggested that they be called to see how this works for them.

Dudley Breed was the landscape architect who was hired by the Carr Foundation to do the streetscape for both Chaumont and Three Mile Bay. It was suggested that we get him to come and give a presentation during a Town Board meeting and invite the Village Board and their subordinate Boards, as well as the subordinate Boards of the Town. It would give a chance for everyone to ask questions and help put us all on "the same page".

Another thought was for the Town to purchase the waterfront owned by Geordie Magee. The Town really has no ownership of waterfront property near any businesses. Although it would be expensive, it would pay off in the long haul by having boat traffic accessible to the downtown area. Waterfront is a valuable resource for any town and we should take advantage of it if possible.

First and foremost, our Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated. Once a newly developed plan is in place, then individual projects can proceed.

After further discussion it was decided that the following plan would be the Town of Lyme Planning Board focus:

Update the Comprehensive Plan

Enhance the history of the Town of Lyme for the future

Proper planning for growth

Keep the residents updated on Planning Board activities via the Lyme Light and ask for suggestions on how to improve the Town of Lyme.

Old Business: The Zoning Board would like to work with the Planning Board on the Zoning Law as it relates to recent changes on the incorporation of the wind energy law and help the application process smoother.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Boo will bring copies of the Comprehensive Plan to the next meeting for beginning review.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2008, 7 p.m.

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