

East Kingston Planning Board Meeting
Working Session Minutes
12 September 1996

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MEMBERS ATTENDING: Richard Smith, Chairman; Cathy George; Edward Johnson; Madeline Marshall; Robert Nigrello; Beverly Fillio; Roby Day

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Marston

OTHERS ATTENDING: Sarah Campbell, Circuit Rider; Larry Smith, Chairman, Conservation Committee

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM

MASTER PLAN Community Services and Facilities chapter: Mrs. Campbell produced a new draft chapter which the board perused, finding some administrative errors, and asking some questions such as the capacity of the East Kingston Elementary School multi-purpose room.

Police activities statistics may require confirmation, and one board member was heard to say that recommendation #4 is unsupported. Just because everybody in Rockingham County does something ought not to be a reason for East Kingston to do likewise.

Corrected input from the Recreation Committee (Richard Poelaert), the Cemetery Committee (Donald Andolina), and the selectmen with regard to waste management contracts is needed. Mr. Day indicated he would research the waste management contracts for Mrs. Campbell.

MASTER PLAN Land-use Map, Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC): The latest RPC iteration of East Kingston's land-use map was examined and found to be confusing in some of its coding. It was observed the map is only a planning tool and ought to be kept simple. Mrs. Campbell will ask Mr. Smith, Conservation Commission chairman, to compare the board's last changes with this latest product. Mrs. Fillio was heard to say "Moving right along..."

MASTER PLAN Existing Land Use chapter: Mrs. Campbell produced a new draft chapter over which the board cogitated, and concluded that the information in Table 1, *LAND USE CHANGE 1953-1996*, is likely to be of little use in view of definition and parameter changes over the course of years. Mrs. Campbell will have the numbers checked in an effort to maximize the information's utility.

Discussion briefly touched on the question of construction and performance bonds, and what they are intended to ensure. Mr. Day noted that, in the case of KV Partnership (Red Gate Farm development), all construction bonds were reduced as the work was completed, with no performance bond required to cover the two-year waiting period as described in the East Kingston subdivision ordinance. Mr. Day would address the matter to the selectmen.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

NYNEX building on Giles Road: The consensus of opinion is that NYNEX has done a nice piece of work, cleaning up and landscaping the brick equipment building. Mrs. Fillio was heard to say "Moving right along..."

Planning Board Rules of Procedure: Discussion ensued about the utility of having an agenda before a given board meeting. Concern was expressed that it is difficult to prepare for a meeting without knowing what is to be addressed. No neat and tidy methodology was developed, and this may yet be a topic for general discussion again. Unanswered questions surfaced about mail-out expenses, the account for the board's secretary salary, and the like, all of which might impact how the board keeps its members informed.

Home Occupation Permits (HOPs): The issue surrounding home occupation permitting where there appears not to be any perceptible impact on the neighborhood was aired. Considerable disagreement is surfacing amongst board members as to the underlying intent and purpose for HOPs, and whether the board ought to address the reasons for HOPs in light of today's technology and business world realities. Mrs. Campbell indicated she would draft something for the board to mull over at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Smith made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. George seconded, and this public session of the East Kingston Planning Board working meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Submitted:

Approved:

Roby Day, ex-officio

Richard A. Smith, Chairman

Cathy George

Edward Johnson

Madeline Marshall

Robert Nigrello

Beverly Fillio