

**Town of New Haven  
Planning Commission Meeting  
7:00 pm  
Town Office  
Thursday, February 3, 2011**

Present: Chair, Jim Walsh, Francie Caccavo, Rod Case, Angie Dunbar, and Bill Brooks

Absent: Pat Palmer

Visitors: John Madden

**VISITORS BUSINESS:** None

**Review of Selectboards Public Hearing on the Town Plan:**

- Good turn-out, about 20-25 people
- Positive feedback
- Selectboard is supportive of the Plan
- Jerry Smiley had some good questions about Density Based Zoning and the time constraints it may put on the PC. The PC has yet to declare where New Haven density is. Jim Walsh will ask Brandy Saxon for suggestions.

**Outreach letter / postcard to voters:**

- Brainstorm ideas of reaching out to townspeople to vote in favor of the Town Plan at Town Meeting.
- Informing voters that they have the option to vote by absentee ballot, and that process.
- Bill Brooks will work on drafting a post card to be mailed out just prior to Town Meeting.

Discuss the approach and process the PC should take while doing the Zoning Re-write.

**OUTLINE FOR ZONING:**

- Tackle the Selectboard and Development Review Boards concerns
- Zoning map
- 200' buffer / setback
- Commercial & Industrial Zoning
- Village
- Residential – This will remain the same throughout the process

Take a look at how towns outside of Addison County have instituted Density Based Zoning; currently Orwell is the only Town in Addison County using it.

Discuss the possibility of extra monthly meetings during the zoning rewrite.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Last Fire Department pancake breakfast – several PC members wandered around talking with folks about the Town Plan. Would like to attend the upcoming pancake breakfast on February 27<sup>th</sup>, it is the day before Town Meeting. This is a positive way to get the word out to vote. Discuss putting up posters to “vote yes on Article 7”. Also have the power point presentation handy on a laptop for folks to view.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- VELCO - Information forthcoming on Shunt Reactors. A Shunt Reactor helps to distribute high voltage more efficiently. Shana Duval from VELCO will be a guest speaker at next months PC meeting. She will explain the need for a shunt reactor at the New Haven sub station.
- Warnings to be posted 5 days prior to all meetings
- Pam Kingman will ask about setting up an email account for the PC in the Town Office.

**MAIL:**

- Sullivan Murphy Kronk – Verizon Cell tower at the Charron Farm

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- Rod Case made a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2011, seconded by Angie Dunbar. 5 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 7:50 pm


Respectfully submitted:

Pam Kingman

Approved:

  
Chair, Jim Walsh

  
Bill Brooks

  
Rod Case

  
Francie Caccavo

  
Angie Dunbar