

Town of Winchester
Planning Board
Minutes
5-2-16

Meeting opened: 7pm.

Members present: Chris Rurka, Mike Doherty, Brooke Sharra(Chair), Gus Ruth(V. Chair) and Herb Stephens(SR), Bridie Pearce was an alternate present and Margaret Sharra the Land Use Administrator. Dean Beaman and Larry Hill are absent.

Public: Ken Cole and Barry Montgomery.

First order of business: B. Pearce sits as a full member tonight. The board reviews the minutes of 4-4-16 for approval. The word "agree" needs to be added to the first page. **M. Doherty moves to approve as amended, G. Ruth seconds. The vote is 6 yes..**

Second order of business: The board reviews a draft of a Master Plan Survey. It is a combination of the one from 10 years ago and some new questions. Overall the members liked it. They would like to add 1) Is Winchester changing at all?, 2) Would you like the town web site improved?, and would you like more activities for teenagers? It is suggested to send it to John Hann for his input since he is on the MP subcommittee. Ken Cole is given a copy. Barry Montgomery suggests Winchester get a "moniker". The board agreed to add a question asking what motto the residents would like.

Third order of business: Old and new business. H. Stephens tells the board he visited the both race tracks in town this weekend. Everything at the tracks was excellent. The LUA updates the board on the proposed outdoor shooting facility. The applicant is working with an engineer to get a proposal together and the LUA believes she has a consultant on board. She asks members if anyone wants to go to the OEP Spring Conference. B. Pearce has submitted her request to go. The LUA informs the members that the BOS have requested for the Planning Board to come up with an assumed boundary for what would be called the downtown, or village area. There has been recent discussion and it was realized that everyone can have a different opinion. It would help both boards and the Master Plan to define an area. The board will think on this and discuss in the future. The LUA reminds the board there is a difference between an area and a zoning district. Ken Cole suggests starting out with a small area. G. Ruth and B. Sharra ask the LUA about a flea market sign up on Keene Road. She will look into it.

Fourth order of business: H. Stephens recuses himself to approach the board as a resident. Monadnock Speedway is to consult with the board tonight about a go-kart league. The owner was unable to make it so Herb Stephens is representing Mr. Cirillo. Herb explained this use is to get more town kids involved in racing. The go karts are like bumper cars and are very safe. They only are a 5hp engine. Kids would only be using the Speedway's karts. No outside karts would be allowed. The LUA adds that she has information, and shows it to the board, showing that go karts have raced there before. This use would only be Wednesday afternoons. The location would be the infield area. The board discusses the use of the track over its 50+ year operation. There have been cars, trucks, four-wheelers, buses, go-karts and other motorized vehicles operating at this track. They believe this is a pre-existing use and there are no changes. **M. Doherty moves no site plan review is required because there is no change of use or expansion. B. Sharra seconds. The vote was 5 yes.**

H. Stephens return to the board. **G. Ruth moves to adjourn, H. Stephens seconds. The vote is 6 yes. 8pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Margaret Sharra, LUA

Minutes approved by the board on:

Minutes signed by:


Brooke Sharra, Chairman