

Minutes

Planning Board Meeting

April 1, 2010

Members of the Planning Board in attendance were Charles Moreno, Chairman, Don Rhodes, James Graham, Lynn Sweet, Mark Witcher, and Kate Sawal, Alternate member. Paul Eaton, SRPC representative, was also present.

The Chairman called the public meeting to order at 7:30 PM and announced the members present. The closing date for applications to appear on the agenda for the May 2010 regular meeting will be 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 20, 2010. The Chairman reminded the audience that the Board has a policy setting time limits for meetings and that the Board will not consider any new business after 10:30 PM. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to postpone the regular May meeting until Thursday, May 13, 2010 in order to accommodate scheduling conflicts including the CBNA spring concert.

There was no formal or informal business before the Board. Cynthia Copeland and Dan Camara of SRPC attended to begin work with the Board regarding long-term planning issues. After discussion, it was agreed to begin work with proposals to increase protection for agricultural soils of significance. Cynthia Copeland noted that stormwater management is a more complex issue that will require more research and review. She also noted that federal regulations may be changing later this year. SRPC will be working with the Planning Board on both issues over the coming months. Mr. Camara brought maps and aerial photos showing soils and agricultural lands for various time periods back to the 1960s for comparison. Several model ordinances and other municipal programs in support of agriculture reviewed. It was agreed to schedule a number of work sessions, including a work session for Thursday, April 15th and a work session for Thursday, May 20th.

Board members then reviewed recent correspondence. There being no further business before the Board, it was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 10:00 pm.

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Planning Board Work Session

April 15, 2010

Members present: Charles Moreno, Chairman, Don Rhodes, James Graham, Lynn Sweet, and Mark Witcher.

Cynthia Copeland and Dan Camara of SRPC were also present.

Cynthia Copeland and Dan Camara of SRPC attended to begin work with the Board regarding long-term planning issues regarding agricultural soils. Soils maps and the new wildlife action plan maps were also reviewed.

Board members then reviewed recent correspondence. There being no further business before the Board, it was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 9:00 pm.