

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, December 2, 2010, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Members present: Charlotte Banzhaf, Jerry Moppert, Eric Pearson, Stuart Ziehm

Absent: Dan Thomas, Earl Horton, Mark Rogers

Others present: Secretary Sally Eddy, Jonathan Bridge, Councilman Ted Berndt

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order and presided.

Minutes

Jerry Moppert motioned, seconded by Stuart Ziehm, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2010 meeting as mailed by the Secretary.

Vote: 4 – Ayes 0 – Noes

No Communications

Unfinished Business

Review of pages 19 – 27 of the subdivision rules and regulations was post phoned.

New Business

Jonathan Bridge, residing at 910 King Road, submitted a completed survey map for a subdivision. Mr. Bridge owns a 56.08 acre parcel on the south side of King Road identified by tax map #263.-2-22. He is proposing to subdivide off a 2.67 acre lot from that parcel to convey to his daughter and son-in-law. The proposed lot fronts onto King Road and existing stone walls form the south and west boundary lines. The Board reviewed the survey map.

Motion by Charlotte Banzhaf

Seconded by Eric Pearson

Resolved, the Planning Board of the Town of Cambridge does hereby grant Preliminary Approval to Jonathan Bridge for a 2.67 acre subdivision located on King Road in accordance with the survey map submitted.

Vote: 4 – Ayes 0 – Noes

A public hearing will be held at the January 6, 2011 meeting.

Election of Officers

Charlotte Banzhaf motioned the slate of officers remain the same for 2011 with Eric Pearson as Chairman and Earl Horton Vice-Chairman.

There was no second.

Jerry Moppert nominated Eric Pearson as Chairman and Stuart Ziehm as Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Pearson commented he would feel more comfortable with the nominations if more members were present.

Jerry Moppert withdrew his motion and suggested the board proceed with separate nominations rather than putting both candidates on one slate.

Jerry Moppert made a motion to nominate Eric Pearson as Chairman for 2011. Seconded by Charlotte Banzhaf.

Vote: 3 – Ayes Eric Pearson abstained

Jerry Moppert made a motion to nominate Stuart Ziehm as Vice-Chairman for 2011. Seconded by Charlotte Banzhaf.

Vote: 3 – Ayes Eric Pearson abstained

When only a quorum is present the vote must be unanimous in order for the vote to be carried. The election of officers will be addressed again at the January 2011 meeting.

Chairman Pearson stated he wanted it recorded in the minutes that if members are not going to attend a meeting they need to call either Secretary Sally Eddy or Chairman Pearson to let them know.

Jerry Moppert brought to the Board's attention an article that appeared in the December 2 edition of the Post Star newspaper concerning the expansion of the Global Foundries's computer-chip factory located in Malta. The company has already agreed to create 1205 jobs and the expansion is expected to add another 400. Mr. Moppert commented growth will happen and it will affect us.

The remainder of the evening was spent discussing the potential for growth spillover into southern Washington County and the fact the Town of Cambridge has no plans in place to protect itself from large development.

At one point, Stuart Ziehm remarked that if the town believes its mission is to preserve its agricultural character and, if zoning can accomplish it, then you would think the town would support zoning. Some members added that Cambridge is a one zone town, it's homogeneous, the same throughout.

Discussion continued until 8:40 PM at which time Stuart Ziehm motioned, and Eric Pearson seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally B. Eddy, Secretary