

PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION
MARCH 20, 2013

Chairman Chris Cerino called the workshop session to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Commission members Jeffrey Grotsky, Jane Richman, Paul Showalter and Gil Watson, Kees de Mooy, Zoning Administrator, Andrew Meehan, Esquire, Jennifer Mulligan, Stenographer and guests.

Mr. de Mooy presented six (6) maps created for the focus areas in the Comprehensive Plan. He explained each map in detail. Mr. de Mooy stated that the maps showed existing trails and sidewalks as well as planned trails, roads, sidewalks and areas for infill development.

Mr. Cerino stated that at one point he thought the Town discussed a second round-a-bout at Rt. 514 and Rt. 20. Mr. de Mooy stated that his recollection was that the circle would be at one place or the other.

Mr. Cerino stated that he would like to see a bicycle connector from where the trail hits the bypass, connecting it to the head of the "Y" by Rt. 20 and Rt. 514. Mr. Cerino stated that he thought McCrone addressed the connection and said that it might be worthwhile to pull the plans and revisit what was addressed in them.

Mr. Cerino stated that he would like to see a trail around the Armory and through the phragmites marsh. He said that a direct viewscape from the waterfront and the marsh to Stepne would be spectacular.

Mr. Cerino stated that the right-of-way trail through Scott's Point should be shown.

Mr. Cerino stated that the existing Town storage site was improperly located and was a tremendous location for infill and should be marked as such.

Mr. Cerino stated that connections to the Rolling Road Park should be clearly shown as people were uncertain how to access it. He said that the connection should look like an invitation to enter, as it currently seemed like trespassing on private property.

Mr. Cerino stated that at the landing of the proposed by-pass there should be a bike lane to Town.

Mr. Cerino stated that he wanted to generate a work list to put a timetable to the work that is required for the Comprehensive Plan.

The work list breaks down as follows:

1. New digital images of potential infill and areas for improvement
2. Page 67 -80 – Community Character
3. Pages 83-90 – Transportation Element

4. Pages 93-97 – Public Facilities
5. Pages 101-111 – Sensitive Areas
6. Pages 115 – 120 Mineral Resources and Historic Resources Elements
7. Kees de Mooy appendices review and report.

Mr. Cerino stated that the next text revisions will be on pages 67-80 “Community Character” by the April 2013 meeting. He said that he would like to move forward a section per month. Mr. Cerino said that if progress was not being made, then they may possibly schedule meetings between regularly scheduled meetings. He said that he would like a draft finished of the updated Comprehensive Plan by December 2013.

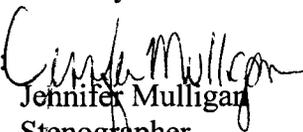
Mr. de Mooy stated that he had suggested changes to the Sign Regulations and passed copies to each of the Commission members. He said that once the wording was approved by the Commission, a recommendation could be made to the Mayor and Council. A public hearing would be scheduled by the Mayor and Council as part of the text change process.

Mr. Cerino stated that the Commission should review the changes for discussion and recommendation to the Mayor and Council at the April 2013 meeting.

Mr. Peter Newlin of Chesapeake Architects was present and asked if he could be on the April agenda for input on the Sign Regulations. Mr. Cerino stated that the Sign Regulations could be addressed by the public at the Public Hearing, which would be held by the Mayor and Council at a later date.

There being no further business, **Mr. Grotsky moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:


Jennifer Mulligan
Stenographer

Approved by:

Chris Cerino
Chair