

April 24, 2008

Hill Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Denise Robie

Tom Whitman

Mike Brady

Gene Seip

Bob Helmers (Chair)

Bill Henry (secretary)

Public Present:

Gerry Desrochers, Mike and Marie Stanley, John and Jane Chandler, Nancy Chaddock

The Master Plan public hearing was opened at 7:25 PM.

After a brief opening statement from chairman Bob Helmers, there appeared to have been some who had not had an opportunity to review the master plan. Bob said that there was a posting around town stating where it was available including the Lakes Region Planning web site. A copy of the posting was distributed to those present which included the web site address. It was determined that the hearing could be adjourned afterwards and continued before the CIP public hearing at our next meeting on May 15. This would give those interested additional time to look it over.

General discussion: Did the plan address future expansion? In the past ideas such as expansion of the Village, or establishing a second village district near Hill Center off of Murray Hill Road have been mentioned. Bob said that the master plan was written with general information at the suggestion of LRPC.

The lots that were laid out but never developed off New Chester Road were brought up. Tom Whitman supporting this thought that plans should be developed. Gerry Desrochers said that the lots had been set aside as a potential location for a new School, but is now too small an area by today's standards. Mike Stanley opposed the idea and would not be in favor of that expansion.

John C. asked if the approach for development has expanded beyond three acre lots on major arteries. People have expressed the desire to maintain a rural atmosphere, perhaps now they would be more interested in spreading the tax burden around.

Bob H. read some of the goals listed in the master plan.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:37 until the May 15 meeting.

General discussion following the public hearing:

-Further discussion concerning developing the lots in the Village.

-Zoning board needs members to make a quorum.

-Circle Three gravel pit expansion is imminent; the regulations should be updated prior to this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Henry