



Minutes of Meeting
May 10, 2005
Acton Memorial Library

Planning Board members Mr. Greg Niemyski (Chairman), Mr. Christopher Schaffner (Vice Chair), Ms. Stacy Rogers (Clerk), Mr. William King, Ms. Ruth Martin, and Mr. Edmund Starzec attended. Also present was Town Planner, Mr. Roland Bartl and Planning Board Secretary, Kim DelNigro. Absent was Mr. Gary Sullivan.

Mr. Niemyski called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

I. Citizens Concerns

None raised.

II. Consent Agenda – Minutes 4/26/05

The minutes of 4/26/05 were approved unanimously as drafted.

III. Reports

CPC: Ms. Rogers reported where all the projects stood.

Sculpture Park Advisory Committee: Ed Starzec reported that they are looking to draft a final report and also trying to get community support. The owner was encouraged to come before the Planning Board with a concept plan.

IV. Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Appointment

Canceled

V. Gagliano Subdivision, Decision

Board members reviewed the draft decision and Mr. Niemyski moved to approve the decision as drafted. Mr. Schaffner 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. QRCC Environmental Audit – Decision amendment

Board members reviewed the draft annual audit decision amendment and composed several changes to the draft. The decision amendment specifies a scope of work for the annual audit generally as prepared by Michael J. Toohill of ENSR International. The audit will be a substitute for QRCC's membership in the Audubon International's (AI) Bronze Signature Program. Mr. Niemyski moved to approve the decision as amended. 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Storm Water Regulations – Review

Board members reviewed staff documents related to the Town's compliance with the 5 year plan under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. Attending was Mr. Doug Halley, Health Director for the Town, Mr. Peter Shanahan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Jim Brown, MIT Student and Jane Ceraso, Environmental Manager for the Acton Water District. Mr. Brown gave a presentation on an alternative low-impact development (LID) drainage storm water management design of a sample site, which was The Acton Discovery Museum. Part of the presentation was a rating system that compared Acton's storm water regulations with ideal LID standards. Acton rated at 62%, which was slightly better than the State and national average. Mr. Brown did identify 3 or 4 items which Acton could make improvements on for a significantly higher rating. Mr. Doug Halley discussed NPDES Permit Requirements and addresses six required elements of minimum control measures identified by EPA. He indicated that the Planning Department's report, which

identifies areas in the Town's storm water regulations for further review for NPDES compliance. Ms. Ceraso summarized a recently completed report to DEP of street impacts on the Acton Water District's public well sites. This report was prepared by a student intern. Board members agreed to continue looking into the subject of storm water management.

VIII. Assign Member to Colonial Path Residential Compound Prem. Plan

Mr. Edmund Starzec volunteered.

Mr. Niemyski moved to close the meeting, 2nd; all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.