

Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

Meeting Date: April 4, 2012

Attendees: Kathy Corson, John Hauschildt, Frank Ferraro, Julie Gilman, Pete Richardson, Pam Gjetum, Kristen Murphy, Barbara McEvoy, Doug Eastman, Sylvia von Aulock,

Draft Meeting Notes

John H. reviewed subcommittee work to date on Form Based Code (FBC) progress. Discussed how the committee has tackled the project, first looking at existing conditions and listing issues such as undefined access into businesses, inconsistent ROW widths and therefore varying allowances for dedicated bicycle lanes, and lack of street trees. John also mentioned the group invited DPW to further discuss the Portsmouth Ave Project. Kathy C., Julie Gilman, and Sylvia added to the discussion. The group noted that the Portsmouth Ave project could act as another means to make improvements to the corridor. However, it was also noted that it appeared the project was on hold while other sewer and water were implemented. It was also mentioned that future input was desired but that it was unclear by what avenue this might happen.

Sylvia suggested that she forward the full ZORC the draft goals developed by the subcom. and also invited the full committee to the next subcom. meeting. John, Kathy and Sylvia spoke about Seabrook's recent success in getting a corridor FBC passed and that Julie LaBranch from RPC would be giving a presentation at their next meeting (April 18th At 8:30) on Seabrook's FBC

Sylvia discussed other issues that were carried over from last year to be put on ZORC's list of zoning issues to be tackled. Two items included an overview of the town's regulations on elderly housing and the second to review the process for conditional use permits for requests of work within the wetlands overlay district.

Kristen M. noted that the ongoing dam study might highlight areas of concern that may be incorporated into future regulations.

A lively discussion continued regarding the need for an overview of the town's elderly housing regs. including parking. It was noted there are multiple degrees or levels of senior housing and that mobility issues may vary with age but not necessarily. Doug E. suggested Planning and Building staff review the existing regs and develop new regs to include new categories of senior housing.

Sylvia checked in with Pam to see if HDC or Heritage Committee had any issues to bring forward for discussion. Julie G. noted nothing to date.

Sylvia also checked in with Pete R. for ConCom and Pete suggested that at some point, climate change and long term implications for climate change be put on our agenda.

Group discussed the April 12th Planning Board meeting and presentation by Amanda Stone called "Forging the Link", snacks at 5:30, presentation at 6:00. Barb to send out a reminder email to all board members.

Next Meetings:

ZORC, Subcommittee on FBC April 18th 8:30, Nowak Room

ZORC Full Committee, Wed., May 16th, 8:30, Wheelwright