

Acton 2020 Implementation Committee

Minutes

08/14/13 7:30 p m - A c t o n Town Hall Room 204

Attendees:

Liaisons: Marion Maxwell, John Sonner (Board of Selectman), Margaret Wolley Busse, Jamie Young (Acton Boxborough HS)

Members: Andy Brockway, Bruce Forman, Vickie Wallin Forman, Eric Solomon, Bonny Nothern

Staff: Kristen Domurad-Guichard, Roland Bartl

ACTION ITEMS

1. Margaret recommends providing a response to the EDC, responding to each of their points. Andy and Kat will respond and will invite them to our committee meeting and note that the prebid conference is an opportunity for the consultants to obtain more specificity.

NOTES

Minutes approved as amended. All in favor.

I. Kelley's Corner Zoning

Roland reports: if developing on vacant property, must conform with current zoning. If there is existing construction that is non-conforming, can stay same or expand non-conformity. This is why section 5.6 of the zoning bylaw special provisions for Kelley's Corner District exists. Going through all the trouble hasn't been worth it for developers. Current zoning doesn't allow sufficient residential development that could support commercial properties. Might want to also look at the parking requirements in general.

II. Acton 2020 Meeting Structure

Two topics: Who wants to chair committee? And committee / subcommittee question. Andy will chair and manage outreach, Kat act as vice chair and will perform administrative functions.

Motion made and passes unanimously. Roland will update the town clerk.

Suggested to work on Kelley's corner one night and other business the second night each month. Margaret suggests inviting key stakeholders to the Kelley's corner focused meetings. EDC, Finance, Planning Board, Design Review Board, perhaps neighborhood representation (Eric and Bonnie to think about this representative), Historical Society, Nancy Dinkel, Branch Manager of Northern Banking Trust and/or Chris Starr from Kelley's Corner Business Association (Andy to reach out to Nancy to discuss).

III. Updates on Farm-out action items

Updates to be provided to Bruce each meeting. Bruce provides to Kristen updated document.

IV. Organizing Core Action Items

Reviewed roadmap to guiding growth document. Andy suggests that all review document and identify which topics they would like to own. Zoning surrounding open space and concentrated growth should bubble to the top as this is a common theme across the entire plan (Randall Arendt is a guru on concepts, wrote Rural by Design). Discussed senior center project vs. community center combined or separate. Margaret will look at prior Acton 2020 minutes regarding who supported community center and might still be interested.

V. Organizing Outreach for Acton 2020

Larger general public outreach - to what extent, what events do we want to publicize?

VI. Technology/Website Updates

Eric met w/Jim Snyder Grant. Eric has access to work on website and blog. Another meeting scheduled for September. Need to still talk about Facebook and Twitter accounts. Look at Constant Contact. Roland will check on available budget for assistance with public outreach. Not more than 2-3k. Margaret will send Andy a few sample emails.

VII. Administrative Updates

Ethics course reminder. Reminder of open meeting law training.

Meeting adjourned