

Minutes
Planning Board Workshop
November 19, 2009

Location: York Senior Center
Present: Tom Manzi, Lew Stowe, Tom Prince, Todd Frederick, Torbert Macdonald
Absent: David Woods
Also Attending: David Marshall, Steve Burns
7:05pm Chair opened the meeting

Public Input- None

Member Check-In

-Tom Manzi told about three (3) day trips with Torbert visiting all the beaches and beach communities from Ipswich, Massachusetts to Reid St. Park near Bath, Maine.

-Tom Prince discussed the use of meeting time and about the infrastructure needs with respect to project goals.

-Todd Frederick appreciated the information presented by the department heads, how to make the new area compliment the existing village, and how to track every issue so things don't get lost and so we can monitor progress.

-Dave Marshall is interested in seeing the Board member apply their knowledge and experience to help shape this project from the start, how to enhance this business/civic center (and the others), get an access road, and remember what makes York great and go for those sorts of things. Maybe listen to the DVDs of past YB meetings.

-Torbert Macdonald. Public access is extremely limited along the coast but Salisbury, Old Orchard Beach and Hamptons beach are the only others which try to attract the public. We need to complement this. Need physical planning, which means a focus on infrastructure – development in this area won't work without a comprehensive infrastructure plan. Water is the controlling force in this area. Feels the Board needs to create draft proposals.

-Lew Stowe is focused on process; how are we going to proceed. Wants display – size maps to use at the meetings. Things we need to spend more time interpreting the mission statement. Doesn't think we can proceed without one-on-one interaction with the individual property owners, whether it is done by Planning Board for Board of Selectmen. Not happy we are delaying first public meeting to January.

Department Heads

\$1-2 Million in water supply work needed – looping. YWD’s bonding limit is an opportunity for partnership with others. YWD would like this project.

Sewer – York Beach lift station at capacity, with lots of I&I in its feeder lines. May mean we need package treatment plant on Horne property.

Build and access road through a swamp which will last – perhaps one used for pike/pedestrian/emergency vehicles. Cost of maintenance. Parallel access road. Transit.

Need to deal with storm water (fresh water especially). Flooding.

Parking

Recreation – Opportunity to expand opportunities and relieve seasonal pressures

Family Friendly – New England’s most family-friendly beach

- Retail side
- Business side
- Go Green

Public Involvement

We’re in Public Awareness phase now

We need to move next to a Public Education phase

Late January Meeting – What’s on the ground?

What’s in the comp plan?

What’s in the zoning?

Establish a common understanding – a baseline

Maps will be made available in Library

Site Walks

Maybe a video for Channel 3

Video Theme – Where did York Beach come from?

Virginia Spiller

Ron Nowell

Tom Prince's research on Harbor and Beach RR

Torbet will recruit the participants

Tom will gather up his photos

Steve will work on production

January Meeting – Possible to do it at York High School auditorium

- Tape and re-broadcast
- “Do some educating and get some Educating”
- Close the meeting by asking the audience – “What do you like about York Beach” or something similar
- Steve will be responsible for this meetings preparation and logistics

Create an easy way for people to give us input – i.e.: a web page, an e-mail address

Prep for Meeting with Board of Selectmen

Too early to meet at this point.

Tom Manzi will ask Mike Estes to have the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Manager contact the property owners to let them know this project is occurring and ask for permission for Town site walk before the end of the calendar year.

Steve will help draft letter.

Lew with Board's help will draft a one-page progress report which can be send to Board of Selectmen Chair.

Overall Project Logistics

- Agreed to meet once each month for this project
- Workshops from 7-9:30 pm, except as Board votes to go later
- We'll conduct public meetings, meet with Board of Selectmen and hold other meetings as needed

See also: Parking Lot of Open Issues raised at this meeting at the end of these minutes

Adjourn 9:35PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Burns, Community Development Director

Parking Lot of Open Issues

York Beach's competitive advantage

Infrastructure needs – parking, access road, open space, place for police station, etc.

How do taxes fit into goals?

How to make the project area complimentary to the existing village/beach

3 D-size Maps: Base zones, Shoreland, Boundary map, plus a sheet with “the charge”

-Get plastic for overlays so we can write on these maps without ruining them

-Buy more Foam Core and a couple more easels

Contact with property owners

Citizen survey, like Damariscotta did with their Heart and Soul Planning Charrette

Getting to York Beach without your car – transportation and parking alternatives

What's happening w.r.t. green tourism?

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