

Planning and Development Committee
January 8, 2019
Meeting Minutes

P and D Members in Attendance:

David Budd, Gary Retherford, Todd Norton, Melissa Murrietta and Susan Lang (arrived 7:35)

Community Members in Attendance:

Bob Misiorowski and Phil Stein

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

The minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Community Input:

Bob Misiorowski thinks the “no structure” structure generally works reasonably well (although for new building the town water supply and drainage is at max capacity.) However, there is the concern that the town has too much power to deny specific property use.

Item 5- discussion of Use Permits RE: P and D role:

Melissa Murrietta believes that the Town uses specific procedures and regulations to rule on Use Permits, and strives to do so in a fair and objective manner

There is a common agreement that a line should be drawn between denial of use permit for personal or subjective reasons vs. the vision of the town plan, and regulations.

There was general agreement that a goal of the Use Permit process should be to operate as objectively as possible, and with as little subjectivity as possible, although some criteria (“compatibility with town character,” etc.) do require somewhat subjective judgments.

There was some discussion of developing formal zoning vs keeping existing use permitting process. The P and D has not been asked to look at zoning options, and it is believed that the Use Permit process will likely move forward into the future.

There was discussion of a timely use permit process, to allow for potential developers to move forward with plans without undue delays.

Item 6- discussion of time table for committee input in infrastructure improvements and 7 review of building code issues, Chapter 7: were deferred to next the meeting

Item 8- future agenda items: the need to discuss enforcement of rules and regs

Item 9: Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm (next meeting 2/5/201