

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LCP Workshop

May 9, 2019

PRESENT: Steven Strojny, Daniel Doucette, Lou Gallo, Elizabeth Brown, William Grant, Jeanne Azarovitz,
ABSENT: Elmer Clegg, John Carroll, Sandra Goldstein,
STAFF: Coreen Moore, Jennifer Copeland
PUBLIC: Wes Ewell, Jim Sullivan, Jim Mulvey

Chairman Clegg called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

LCP: Review of all sections

Mr. Strojny, chair of the LCP committee, thanked the staff and LCP committee members and Wes Ewell for many hours and meetings to do this. . There are 14-17 areas, renewable energy. Meeting with the Board of Selectmen (BoS) on 5/28 to present to them. The last public hearing will be in June then put on for the fall town meeting. It's aligned with the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) Regional Policy Plan (RPP) and will submit for recertification.

Wes: Statement of what happened at workshops last month. Feedback was great. Pretty complete. Some additions, corrections. Want to send out this draft to everyone I met with over the last eight months. The CCC attitude has changed from original, good to work with now.

Mr. Doucette: Original LCP Action item for water resource: public/private. North Sagamore Water District is considering looking for other water sources. Ocean resources policy #3, increase tax revenue. Self-imposed tax increase. Actions – 2nd up from the bottom. Try again at Electric Ave.

Ms. Azarovitz: Separate wastewater for clean water. People need to understand there are differences. Acquiring more property, make fruitful endeavor.

Wes: Economic value of marinas to boats.

Mr. Doucette: Page 33, 3rd action: in Sandwich, town hall if you plant an estate tree (elm, etc) you get credit for that. Nice if can get donations/recognition.

Ms. Brown: Kill invasive plants, like bittersweet vine.

Mr. Doucette: Actions 2nd up – high priority. Set policy, now collect, destroy and not hurt other vital species.

Ms. Brown: What can I do as a citizen?

Mr. Doucette: Page 39, 3rd action: High priority, more walking to make attractive place to be/go. Connect to fishing, boating, waterfront. Don't think need bigger buffers. Buyer beware. Understand commercial can change. Educate people.

Mr. Strojny: Inclined to remove that. When I bought my house, I knew what zoning was and no changing it. We're looking to promote mixed use. Calamar, they do a lot of studies in a community. The last step is trying to find land. They are excited to be here and a part of what's going on.

Mr. Doucette: Page 39: New growth using CCC allotments. Can't be used for short term rentals. Still want foot traffic in winter. GIZ – max number of parking, not minimum. Promote vertical/horizontal uses, encourage different activities/events.

Page 43, 4th up: mandatory evacuation and early notification is more realistic.

Mr. Grant: Not sure LCP should state zoning.

Mr. Strojny: Need to overhaul bylaws. Nice to put some meat in this.

Mr. Doucette: More support at town meeting if in the LCP.

Mr. Grant: Page 43, 1st: Create not appoint.

Mr. Doucette: Page 45, actions, 4th down: create a buildings and grounds department under the DPW umbrella. No town cemetery to take care of our people. Ours are private and limited. 70-80% now cremation. Duxbury has town owned crematory. Way of funding that. Nothing in the cape for that. Page 47, 4th up: Make Sandwich Rd a parkway, separate heights/trees in the middle.

Page 49, policy #3: light bleed. Once done they go and change a light or add a light. Energy saving costs and balance HVAC.

Page 57, 6th down: BFDC – note give consideration to blue, green, startup companies.

Wes: Several referrals to blue economy. Format very successful, accessible. Many of these action items come from other town documents.

Mr. Doucette: Page 59, 4th down: in-law – make a bylaw with meat. Workforce housing, need affordable.

Page 61, 4th up: consider artificial grass, less maintenance.

Ms. Azarovitz: more maintenance than you think.

Mr. Grant: Hoxie, revive?

Mr. Doucette: Last and elderly.

Mr. Grant: Page 62, town manager should be Administrator.

Mr. Doucette: Page 63, 5th down, and create routes based on demands and needs.

Paul Gately: Include MMA, high school, UCT, etc.

Jim S.: Protect coastal dependent use (marina, boatyard), implementation always hard. Amending the zoning bylaw, looked at a long time ago. Need a consultant, review periodically to see what's getting done.

Mr. Strojny: Social media, huge response.

Ms. Brown: No central location to find "recreation."

Mr. Doucette: Just use links. Enforce, put under charter who does or give consideration to fulfill the LCP.

Jim Mulvey: Growth, yes, but maintain small village atmosphere. Breaks my heart what's happening across from town hall.

Mr. Strojny: Can't stop progress but can somewhat control it. 120 units coming in to an area that has lack of housing.

Ms. Brown: Brief history of Bourne notes. Emphasize rich history, not newest. Talk about progress in other villages, Cataumet, Pocasset, etc. Not entirely left out. LCP page 7, missing if I'm a citizen, why do I care, how get used to make improvements? A little inspirational language.

J. Azarovitz: Page 19, don't like Automobile reference.

Jim M: Potable water. Traffic, state or federal controlled. Frontage Rd on Rt. 28.

Jim S: Climate change suspension, Page 25. Limiting irrigation, discourage big lawns.

Ms. Azarovitz: Existing bylaw on that. Can save a lot of money.

Mr. Strojny: Share concerns with Wes in the next week. LCP meeting on 5/23 at 6pm for final tweaks/draft.

Mr. Doucette made a MOTION to adjourn. The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Brown with all in favor. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Gutterson