



Town of Portsmouth
CITIZENS INTERESTED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE
COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS COMMITTEE
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JUNE 21, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Judi Staven, Chair, Mr. Bill Clark, Mr. Ed Dowski, Ms. Conni Harding, Mr. Fred Marano, Mr. David Reise Mr. Peter Roberts, and Mr. Allen Shers,.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Ann Fiore, Vice-Chair, Mr. Bob Andrews, Ms. Debra Faber, Mr. Tom Grieb, Ms. Nancy Howard, Mr. Paul Kesson (not sworn in because he is out of town for 3 months), Mr. Dennis Macedo, and Mr. Web Wilson.

Chair Judi Staven called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2016

A motion was made by Mr. Marano and seconded by Ms. Harding to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Possible Action – Bylaws/Mission Statement

Ms. Staven said that she has received a few, but not many, comments regarding the bylaws. She will resend a copy of the draft of the comments and a copy of draft bylaws for review by the Committee. She asked the Committee to please respond with comments.

2. Discussion and Possible Action – Comprehensive Community Plan Element #7. Services and Facilities

Mr. Shers had a concern about how the School/Town is not budgeting for maintenance on the school buildings. The consensus was that Mr. Shers could go to the workshop and say his concern at the workshop. No additional action was taken at this time.

New Business 1. Set date for first meeting in July, was discussed at this time. The consensus was that most could meet on July 5 per the usual schedule. Ms. Staven will send out an email to the Committee members.

3. Discussion and Possible Action – Comprehensive Community Plan Element #5. Economic Development

The draft discussed and all comments relate to the draft dated MAY 25, 2016.

Regarding “Workforce 2038,” Ms. Staven checked with Mr. Crosby on what this is and it is the proposed title of a new program for a public/private partnership.

Policy ED – 3.3a and 3.3b – Mr. Reise had this for “homework,” and he drafted language to replace both paragraphs. The new language is:

Policy ED-3.3a – Evaluate and review quantitative data on sea level trend change in 5 year intervals. Determine if sea level is decreasing, increasing, or remains at predicted level. The review of data at 5 year intervals will determine if remedial action is required based on direction and rate of change. The review will direct and implement changes where possible to reduce effects of tidal change.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Shers to replace the wording in ED – 3.3a and 3.3b with the new wording. This motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Mr. Reise and seconded by Mr. Shers to replace the wording in ED – 3.3a and 3.3b with the new wording and also to put this new wording in other areas where sea level rise is addressed in both documents reviewed. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Marano and seconded by Mr. Roberts to remove from “Relevant State Goals and Policies” on page 26 through “Land Use 2025: Rhode Island’s State Land Use Policies and Plan, LUP 29” because it is not relevant, not necessary and other plans reviewed by the committee in other communities do not include this. The motion carried with all in favor.

Action ED-2.4b – A motion was made by Mr. Marano and seconded by Mr. Shers to modify by deleting “Melville maritime related companies” and replacing it with “community.” The motion carried with all in favor.

Action ED-2.4d – A motion was made by Mr. Marano and seconded by Mr. Roberts to change it to read: “Pursue active membership in the Newport County Chamber of Commerce and/or similar organization to ensure that the interests and desires of Portsmouth’s businesses are adequately represented.” . The motion carried with all in favor.

Action ED-2.4f – A motion was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Shers to change “businesses” to “municipality.” The motion carried with all in favor.

Action ED-2.4g – A motion was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Shers to change to “Evaluate development plans for the West Side Defense Highway (i.e., the “Burma Road”) and Stringham Road to ensure any plans are consistent with and support the development of Tank Farms 1 and 2.” The motion carried with all in favor.

Action ED-2.5a – A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Roberts to delete. The motion carried with all in favor.

Action ED-2.5b – A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Roberts to change to say “Actively partner with the Newport County Chamber of Commerce, Portsmouth Business Association, and ...”

Action ED-3.1d – A motion was made by Mr. Marano and seconded by Mr. Roberts to add the word “private” before collection system. The motion carried with all in favor.

2. Identify Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

Continuing on the Economic Development Element.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Dowski. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Ripa, Recording Secretary