

Town of Leicester
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Unapproved

** See subsequent minutes for any changes

Members Present: Jeff McDonough, Bethany Menkart, Donna Swingleton

Absent: Tim Johnson, Pete Fjeld

Others Present: Claire Tebbs, Kate Briggs, Sandra Trombley, Secretary

Call to Order & Roll Call: Called the Planning Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. by Donna.

Reviewed Agenda. Claire Tebbs, ACRP will be put first on agenda due to her schedule.

New Business:

Claire Tebbs, Land Use Planner from Addison County Regional Planning explained her role working with members of the PC; applying for Leicester's Planning Grant. They have been told the grant money is definitely here to stay this year. They have met a couple times. They are in the process of getting the on-line application up and running. Claire and Bethany will be working as a writer. Kate is acting as our Grant's Administrator.

Claire will help to make a strong grant application. She cannot guarantee the grant. The grants are more competitive.

The statewide grant criteria is looking for towns that need to update their Town Plan. They are looking for pressing planning concerns in your town.

Claire will provide other support such as town idea resources, find resources you need and as a point of reference.

Claire provided 40 Leicester Lakes Pattern Books.

Tim Bouton at Regional Planning sent an Emergency Planning Management Brief by Claire.

Minutes of March 10, 2010:

Motion by Jeff to approve minutes of March 10, 2010. Second by Bethany. All in favor. So approved.

Old Business:

Reports from Officials:

Donna reported that she, Bethany and Kate have been meeting and brainstorming ideas and talking with Claire. They would like to keep Leicester a viable place to live. Claire is a great resource.

Some ideas were to have a community garden in conjunction with the school. The kids could grow food for the school. It would bring the Town together and be more self sufficient. At the end of the season, perhaps have a potluck for the community.

An idea was to have a summer resident on the board for their perspective.

Zoning Administrator reported that they got 57 responses to the survey out of the 205 voters. The majority of year round residents are in favor of zoning and planning. The Board may want to look at the survey comments. They are hoping to get the survey out to the summer residents; as well, to get their ideas and comments.

Kate reported that there are lots of applications out there. She is concerned that there needs to be possibly two meetings a month for the ZBA.

Donna will talk with Peter about a special ZBA meeting.

Public Comment:

None

Other Business:

None

Motion by Bethany to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Second by Jeff. All in favor. So approved.

Next PC meeting May 12, 2010.

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Trombley
Planning Commission Secretary