October 1, 2013

7:30 Upper Level Mtg Room

Members Present: Ms. Roberts, Mr. Frank, Ms. Jahnke

Members Absent: Mr. Rimsky, Ms. Gager

Alternates Present: Mr. Carey

Alternates Absent: Ms. Bishop-Wrabel

Staff Present: Ms. White Also Present: Mr. Bedini

Ms. Roberts, Chair called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Seated: Ms. Roberts, Ms. Jahnke, Mr. Frank, Mr. Carey, Alt.

Consideration of the Minutes:

The commissioners considered the minutes from the regularly scheduled September 3, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion:

to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2013 as submitted, by Mr. Frank, seconded by Ms. Roberts, passed by 4-0 vote.

New Applications:

There were no new applications to discuss

Other Business:

Plan of Conservation and Development

The commissioners reviewed the draft of the 2013 Plan of Conservation and Development Update and the Plan Appendices dated October 2013 as prepared by the consultants.

Mr. Carey noted that there is a subtle technical difference between the appearance of the maps he viewed on his computer and the hard copy of the maps in the printed draft. He also pointed out a piece of property on South Street that may be shown in error as a commercial property.

The commissioners discussed when they should schedule the public hearing for the updated POCD. Mr. Frank stated that the final draft must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office and the regional planning agency at least 65 days prior to the public hearing. Mr. Frank shared his comments and suggested edits for portions of this most recent draft. He feels that Ms. Hill should make sure that the introduction is as she submitted to the Planning Consultants.

The Commission discussed the Implementation and the Action Agenda. Mr. Frank suggested

reviewing the text and timing of these actions and the "Lead Agencies" assigned to them. He noted that the Planning Commission had asked that the Action Agendas be succinct and not repeat anything that is in the text.

The commissioners briefly discussed the emphasis on private educational institutions.

The commissioners discussed the proposed Village District and Business Improvement District designations.

The commissioners looked at the maps in the updated plan and the appendices. Mr. Carey commented that the proposed color-coding for different areas on the maps was sometimes confusing and difficult to interpret.

There was a brief discussion regarding setting a date for a special meeting in order to continue review of this draft.

Mr. Bedini gave some suggestions on editing this draft.

Communications:

9/16/13 Correspondence from Cuddy & Feder re: Siting Council Application:

The commissioners briefly discussed the Board of Selectmen waiving of the 90-day review period for the cell tower lease and when a hearing would be scheduled with the Connecticut Siting Council.

Other Business, Cont:

Plaza Improvements

There were no updates regarding the Bryan Memorial plaza improvements.

Public Comment:

Mr. Bedini gave an update regarding the Board of Education and Region 12 Schools.

Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn at 9:40 by Mr. Frank

Ms. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

SUBMITTED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL:

Shelley White, Land Use Clerk