

**TOWN OF SOMERS
PLANNING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 308
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**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 14, 2011
TOWN HALL – 7:00 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bradley L. Pellissier called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:55 pm. Members present included: William Salka, Greg Genlot and Scott Sutter. Also present: Jeff Bord, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer.

II. NEW BUSINESS: None.

III. OLD BUSINESS: None.

IV. DISCUSSION:

A.) Plan of Conservation and Development:

The Committee discussed bringing in other groups and involving them in the process (Recreation, Housing, etc.) as well as putting together a Survey Monkey, utilizing census data and State records; keeping in mind that the data may be influenced by the prison population. Chairman Pellissier asked Mr. Bord to run a print out of the 2010 census data and to compare it to the 2000 data in the areas relevant to the Committee. Once this step has been taken the Committee should involve others to modify the plan. Mr. Bord will update the information for next meeting.

B.) Planning Commission By-Laws:

Mr. Bord sent the By-Laws via e-mail to all Committee members to review and prepare to discuss the final version. The Committee discussed the layout of tonight's meeting notes in comparison to the agenda as it is dictated by the By-Laws. Chairman Pellissier requested to start each meeting with "Public Comment/Audience participation." The Committee also discussed and decided that "Public Hearings" and "Ad-Hoc Committees" should not be on the agenda unless they exist. Additionally, in the future both the "A" and "B" topics under discussion would fall under "Old Business." Mr. Bord made the format and font uniform; the Committee members agreed that the formatting is good.

A motion was made by Mr. Genlot to approve the By-Laws as amended; seconded by Mr. Salka, then unanimously approved by the members.

V. STAFF COMMISSION REPORT:

Mr. Bord asked the Committee for comments on Extra-Mart which is going before zoning next week. They will be adding another canopy, adding up-to-date pumps, installing new underground tanks and relocating dumpsters. The Committee discussed whether or not once they rip up asphalt if they will need to comply with current standards or if they'll still be grandfathered in. Mr. Bord responded saying they will not have to meet current standards. No other comments or discussion regarding Extra-Mart. Mr. Genlot asked the Committee if anyone knew what was taking place next to the hardware store and whether or not the work being done was presented to the Planning Commission. Mr. Bord will check on this for the next meeting.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS:

Mr. Bord submitted the following invoices for payment:

Journal Enquirer	\$251.84
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A motion was made by Mr. Sutter to approve these invoices for payment; seconded by Mr. Salka, then unanimously approved by the members.

VIII. MINUTES APPROVAL:

a) April 14, 2011

Chairman Pellissier asked the members for comments or corrections on the 4/14/2011 Minutes. No changes or corrections were brought forth.

A motion was made by Mr. Sutter to approve the 4/14/2011 Minutes; seconded by Mr. Salka, and then unanimously voted to approve by the members.

b) May 26, 2011

Chairman Pellissier asked the members for comments or corrections on the 5/26/2011 Minutes. No changes or corrections were brought forth.

A motion was made by Mr. Genlot to approve the 4/14/2011 Minutes; seconded by Mr. Salka, and then unanimously voted to approve by the members.

c) June 9, 2011

Chairman Pellissier asked the members for comments or corrections on the 5/26/2011 Minutes. Mr. Sutter brought forth that the meeting notes do not include his concerns regarding the Solar Panels. The Commission discussed the process for adding Mr. Sutter's concerns into the notes; Mr. Sutter will write up his concerns briefly and e-mail them to Mr. Bord to be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Sutter would like the notes to reflect his skepticism. No other changes or corrections were brought forth.

The committee decided to table the vote to approve the 6/9/2011 Minutes based on the changes proposed above.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sutter; seconded by Mr. Salka, and unanimously approved to adjourn the July 14, 2011 Regular meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Salka, Secretary

Lee Hameroff, Recording Secretary

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