

Farnham Taskforce II Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 11, 2018

Members Present:

Will Stevens, Karen Shackett, Ben Haigh, Linda Oaks, Sandy Witherell

Absent: Ruth Bernstein

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Addition to the agenda: Will prepared a late agenda: Conservation commission, zoning with regard to park and quarry change, quarry discussion and community event.
3. Reviewed May 14th minutes. Linda MOVED, Karen SECONDED to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Linda handed out the proposed zoning redistricting from commercial to a park district. She also handed out a map that she and Robin Conway worked on that describes the zoning for a quarry. Committee reviewed the map and came to the conclusion that a conditional permit would be permitted under the current regulations in the LDR and agricultural lands. Question for Robin about principle “structure” and how it applies. Karen to send the map to Otter Creek Engineering to follow up and get an estimate. Discussed blasting’s effects.
5. Sandy briefed us on the conservation commission. He will invite Bob Heiser to the October meeting.
6. Planning Commission met with Claire Tebbs about changing the commercial property to a park district. Discussed that boundary lines and proposed that we follow topography rather than just Village Commercial (VC) set backs and include both changes from VC and Village Residential since land is not viable for either. Linda to call Claire and Kevin to see about incorporating these changes.
7. Public meeting in September. Committee looking for input. Possibly use Ruth’s survey and create a map of our vision and staff a table at Apple Fest. Linda to contact John McCright to see if we can get some press prior to Apple Fest. Also send via Town Newsletter. Karen or Will to send 2017 status report on Farnham property from town report to Linda.
8. Question to be answered: Can two entities, allow the buyer after the sale to sell or donate the development rights. Can a contract make the parties follow those terms?
9. Next meeting for Task Force scheduled for September 10th. Task Force will take July and August off.
10. Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Shackett