



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 21, 2011
Roberts

Present: Acting Chairperson Gordon Roberts, Commissioners Scott Harpster, Dick Stratton, Wade Morlock, Jan Johnston.

Excused: none

Staff: Deputy Town Clerk Angela Kulp, Town Planner Mona Green

New Commissioner: Deputy Clerk Kulp confirmed the Town Council appointed and confirmed resident Jan Johnston for the vacant commissioner position at their meeting April 12, 2011, replacing Karen Scott, whose term expired December 31, 2010. Commissioner Johnston brings experience to the Planning Commission as a residential architect, and previously served as a volunteer on the Town's Board of Adjustment, and as the WABA Beach Master. Commissioner Johnston was welcomed and brought up to speed by the rest of the Commission.

Acting Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Minutes: Commissioner Harpster moved to approve the March 17, 2011 minutes as written. Commissioner Morlock seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried. Commissioners Roberts and Johnston abstained from voting, as they were not in attendance at the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Shoreline Management Update

Planner Green presented to the Commission the next few chapters of the shoreline regulations draft to review. Discussion included the permit process for different types of shoreline permits, the shoreline administrator's duties (currently Planner Green), and the exemption process. Planner Green pointed out that currently a letter of exemption has to be approved by the Council but as what can be exempted is set by the state, this could be done by the shoreline administrator, which she urged the commissioners to consider. Commissioner Stratton inquired about current dock repair requirements, which Planner Green clarified.

General regulations were discussed also, and Planner Green noted many of these are set by federal guidelines. The commissioners conversed about beach access, as well as vegetation and water quality. Finally, shoreline uses were talked about, including a lengthy debate on height and setbacks for structures.

Planner Green noted she would amend the draft with tonight's changes, and add the final chapters for May's meeting.

Adjourn: Commissioner Stratton moved to adjourn the meeting and Acting Chair Roberts seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm. Vote: 5 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, 2011, 7:00pm at Commissioner Johnston's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Kulp, Deputy Town Clerk