

PLANNING BOARD

Minutes - December 10, 1973

Members Present: Thomson, Bridges, Cogswell, Hannaford, Kulmala and Pugmire

Mr. Thomson submitted to each member a new proposal for Article VI, Section 2 C of the Town By-Laws. He found that it became too confusing to change each item so is submitting it as a new Section 2 C. He requested that each member study this and bring their suggestions back to the next meeting, January 14, 1974. Mrs. Kulmala handed out Proposed Amendments for 7 C and D that she had drawn up and requested the group to study these also.

Mr. Thomson said that the Annual Report for the Planning Board is due January 15 as the Annual Report will go out to the Town in February as it has previously. Mr. Thomson would like inputs from the members of the Board regarding anything they consider worthy of mention that the group has done in the past year.

Fred Abrahamsen is the new Chairman of the Bicentennial Commission. The communications that were received by Mr. Cogswell from other towns as a result of his letter of inquiry regarding their Bicentennial Plans have been passed on to the Commission - letters were received from Concord, Bedford and Chelmsford. The Planning Board is particularly concerned about parking, traffic and camping within Carlisle. Since Carlisle knows little of the plans being formulated by other towns, it is difficult to interface plans with them. Mr. Abrahamsen will be contacted to find out what plans the Commission has made so that there is not an overlap in work of the Planning Board and the Commission. Also, the secretary of the Commission will be contacted to see if the Planning Board could see the minutes of the Commission's meetings. Mr. Bridges feels that perhaps Carlisle should welcome visitors for the Bicentennial events rather than try to prevent our fellow citizens from throughout the country from coming into the area. It was stated that the State is making plans to provide areas near Route 495 for parking and camping under special permits on a temporary basis. Fort Devens is perhaps going to be one of the nearest areas to Carlisle.

The Planning Board elected Bob Santomenna the new Chairman and Kent Pugmire, Vice Chairman, effective January 1, 1974. No decision was made on a new Clerk. It was suggested that there could be some restructuring of the Board to further distribute the workload. Further discussion will be held on this at the next meeting. Mr. Cogswell recommended that in the

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future four or more signatures be required on all "approval not required" lines.

The question was raised as to reducing the term of office of Planning Board members from five years as this period may be a deterrent to some people otherwise interested in running. No decision was reached on this.

As this was Mr. Thomson's last meeting as Chairman, he thanked all of the members of the Board for their cooperation during the past year. He was pleased with the teamwork of the Board and felt that the subdivision of labor had been most helpful. However, he reminded the Board that it must continue to plod along in their work particularly on the following items: wetland zoning, Rules and Regulations revision, By-Laws changes, Bicentennial planning, long range plan for the Town, land use plans for in and around the Center, the By-Pass, a location for the highway department, and general guidelines for the Town - the Planning Board should not only have to react in crisis situations.

Mr. Thomson commended each Board member on the work he or she had done:

Mrs. Kulmala - for her work on the Town Center analysis, wetlands zoning and By-Laws changes

Mr. Bridges - Rules and Regulations revisions, and Bicycle Foot Paths Committee

Mr. Cogswell - as Clerk and application work for approval not required plans, subdivision work and the writing of letters and liasion work with other Town Groups

Mr. Hannaford - for his wealth of knowledge on the Town, his work on the Long Range Planning Committee and subdivision work

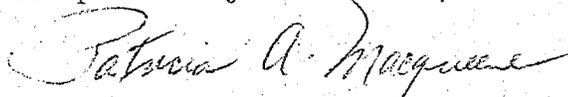
Mr. Santomenna - wetlands zoning work and legal guidance to the Board

Mr. Pugmire - liasion work on the proposed State Park and work on the Long Range Planning Committee

Mr. Pugmire was questioned as to the status of the Farnham Smith land. He said that negotiating is still taking place at the rate of about two meetings per week and that the details are being worked out for the State to purchase the land for a park.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia A. Macqueene
Secretary