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**Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2017
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148 Peck Street
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Present: James Muri, Robert Moitozo, Tomas Ennis, Steven Brooks, Jr.,
William Costa, Christopher Cooper, Michael Costa

Town Planner – Leeann Bradley

Absent: Edward Bertozzi

Pledge at 7:05p.m.

Mr. Muri took a moment to recognize the recent passing of past Planning Board member, John Moriarty. He noted that Mr. Moriarty served on the Planning Board for approximately 10 years, the Board of Selectman, the Conservation Commission as well as many other boards and committees in town. He was a wonderful man. Never unwilling to step up and do what was needed. He extended sympathy and prayers to his family. Mr. Muri then asked for a moment of silence.

Form A

1. Kenneth and Karen Santos – 46 Water Street – 16-24A – Ms. Rachel Smith was present on behalf of the applicant. She stated the applicant is selling their house and are giving ½ acre to the back land. They are getting rid of the access and utility easement which is shown on the plan to make the property more attractive. There are no existing out buildings and the area in the back is all farm land.

Mr. Cooper motioned to endorse the Form A plan.

Mr. Moitozo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Hearings

New Business

1. Sign Bylaw – Discussion – The Planning Board will wait until Mr. Bertozzi is back to discuss and make changes to the bylaw.

2. Hydrogeological Assessment Regulations - Mr. Muri suggested tabling this discussion until Mr. Bertozzi returns.

Discussion -- Mr. Muri brought up correspondence he received from Mass Audubon regarding Low Impact Developments. He added the board has been moving toward this since they are much less maintenance intensive and also better for the environment and the aquifer. He would like to schedule a workshop with the Highway Superintendent since he is the one who will maintain the drainage structures.

Mr. Moitozo noted that the Board of Selectmen were supposed to get back to the Planning Board regarding snowplowing standards for private subdivisions and unaccepted roads. Mr. Muri suggested incorporating that into a workshop as well.

Mr. Muri stated they were asked to submit an annual report. He wanted to add a few more columns for additional items to be listed. Ms. Bradley was aware of that and will make the changes.

Mr. Muri then added they need to solicit for an Associate Member to the Planning Board. He asked Ms. Bradley to look at the talent bank forms for possible applicant consideration.

Ms. Bradley noted that in order to have Mr. Michael Costa appointed as a full voting member of the Planning Board they need to have a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen at the beginning of their next meeting. The next meeting is January 9, 2017. A quorum will be necessary.

Mr. Muri asked for an update on the Mapping Committee. Mr. William Costa stated he distributed a proposal on how to develop a plan of action to a point where they could bring things together and make a recommendation. He added that on December 16, 2016 he and the Water Commission had a meeting at Roger Williams University where the graduate students are developing a GIS mapping of the town of Rehoboth. The students were able to create a base map for the town and received information from the Board of Health regarding 1,200 of the 4,100 wells. They created a database and spotted the wells on the lots. They did not know exactly where the wells were to be located so they placed them where the houses are. They also showed a profile that showed the different well depths by using different colors. The students also showed a 3 dimensional bedrock plan for the entire town in reference to sea levels. That information has been downloaded into the Mass GIS. The question now is who will maintain the database? Mr. Costa noted that an application can be downloaded into smart phones that will integrate into the system and can be used in the field for wells, drainage ditches etc... The Planning Board is interested in continued development by the grad students at Roger Williams University. There was no further discussion.

Old Business

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Minutes

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Invoices

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Adjournment

Mr. William Costa motioned to adjourn at 7:30p.m.

Mr. Moitozo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Muri, Chairman


Robert Moitozo, Vice-Chairman