

Palmer Planning Board
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 2nd, 2021

I. Call to Order

Chairman Michael Marciniac called the meeting to order at 7:03PM on Monday, August 2nd, 2021, in the Town Hall Meeting Room. All members were present. Also present were Town Planner Linda Leduc, and her Administrative Assistant Rebekah Wright recording minutes.

II. Public Hearings: None

III. New Business:

- Master Plan Adoption
- Acknowledge Receipt of CVS Landscaping & Lumen Plans

IV. Old Business:

- Knox Pond Construction Report #164

V. Board Member Comments:

- TEBO vs. BOARD OF APPEALS OF SHREWSBURY, 22 Mass. App. Ct. 618
- Board Reorganization

Master Plan Adoption:

Present on behalf of VHB were Donny Goris-Kolb and Geoffrey Morrison- Logan.

D. Goris Kolb began by overviewing the Master Plan process. Then he and G. Morrison-Logan went over the highlights of each Chapter, including actions, goals and priority levels.

D. Goris Kolb then spoke on behalf of Becky Basch, Senior Planner, of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. He briefly went over the Health Addendum portion submitted by B. Basch.

D. Goris Kolb then went over the Implementation Matrix and timeline.

M. Marciniac then opened the floor for questions or comments from the public.

Christina Pike, a Town resident, asked if this meeting was being recorded.

M. Marciniac stated that it wasn't because this was an overview of all the previous meetings, which were recorded and can be viewed at any time.

She then asked if the Master Plan document is available for purchase as a hard copy to which M. Marciniac stated that will be looked into, and someone will be getting back to her about that.

Bruce Rosenbaum, a Town resident, thanked D. Goris Kolb and G. Morrison Logan and the rest of the Steering Committee.

He then asked D. Goris Kolb if it was difficult to prioritize what needed to be done.

D. Goris Kolb stated that it was pretty clear on what was priority. The community was clear about the need for funding in certain aspects, and there was not much disagreement at all.

Dave Golden, Chair of Steering Committee, stated that anything that was remotely disagreed upon was talked through and the members came to agreements on everything.

Chris Smith, a Town resident, stated that now is the time to come together and not drop the ball on this Master Plan. She then asked who “owns” it? Who is responsible for seeing this through?

M. Marciniac stated that the work by the Steering Committee is done and that an Implementation Committee needs to be formed. He then asked if she would like to be part of that committee.

Bob Havales, a Town resident, gave compliments to VHB and all participating committee and staff members for completing the task. He stated that the Zoom meetings went very well and were easily accessible. He then stated he disagreed with a comment made earlier that if the State will pay for a lower priority action item, we should do it just to do it. We should focus on the high priority items first.

Matt Lemieux, a Town resident and Town Council member, stated that the CPA (Community Preservation Act) was brought in front of the town twice and failed both times, and that there needs to be some grassroots initiative to get it going.

M. Marciniac asked if there were any further questions or comments.

A motion to adopt the Master Plan as presented was made by N. Czech, and seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed 5:0.

CVS Landscaping & Lumen Plans:

A motion to acknowledge receipt was made by K. Burns, seconded by N. Czech. The motion passed 5:0.

Knox Pond Construction Report #164

A motion to acknowledge receipt was made by T. Skowrya, seconded by K. Burns. The motion passed 5:0.

TEBO vs. BOARD OF APPEALS OF SHREWSBURY, 22 Mass. App. Ct. 618

M. Marciniac went over the case to the board. There was brief discussion on legalities of future conditions within decisions.

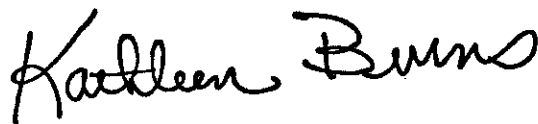
Board Reorganization

A motion to leave the Board makeup as is was made by N. Czech, seconded by J. Florence. The motion passed 5:0.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively 9/13/21

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm was made by T. Skowrya seconded by K. Burns The motion passed (5:0)



Kathleen Burns, Clerk