

WILLIAMSON PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes September 6, 2011

APPROVED

Present:

T. DeMarree, Chair
J. Ferrante
D. Hoffman
R. Stevens
J. Willis

Absent:

J. Fox
T. Wozniak

Also in attendance: T. Watson, Matt Wright, Colin Lange, Doug Smith, Meghan Willis, Joey Sewilo, Kyle Robinson, Tricia Phillips, Trena DeMarree, Rayanne Luke, Dannie Joram, Austen Reid

The **Work Session** was opened at 7:05 p.m. by T. DeMarree. Materials were reviewed. The DeFisher Agenda Item is being rescheduled for the October Planning Board Meeting.

The **Planning Board Meeting** was opened at 7:30 p.m. by T. DeMarree.

D. Hoffman and R. Stevens were appointed as voting members for the September 6 Planning Board Meeting by T. DeMarree.

Members of the Senior Class were welcomed and were given a brief explanation of format of the meeting and what the duties of the Planning Board are.

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the July 5, 2011 Planning Board Meeting as written. Motion carried.

AGENDA

➤ **Agenda Item #1**

Dave DeFisher, DeFisher Fruit Farm
Special Use Permit for migrant labor facility at 2946 Ridge Road

This item has been rescheduled for October.

➤ **Agenda Item #2**

Tom Watson
Master Plan Review

T. Watson provided information regarding the Comprehensive Plan and read the Vision Statement. He explained that the State requires that there be updates every ten (10) years. When this Plan was adopted in March 2010 it had not been updated for 9/10 years. Ten years is felt to be too long and he is recommending that it be reviewed once a year. This may include reviewing progress of plans in place, looking into things that may have been left off, and looking at priorities of projects. The Plan provides a proactive map of things to do within the town.

The current Plan includes four (4) areas:

- Quality of Life
- Agriculture and Open Space
- Commerce and Industry
- Residential Living

Areas/projects currently underway have to do with:

- Zoning
- Historic Preservation
- Teen Activities
- Farm Markets
- Creating a town marketing plan

The process will take some time to review and will require homework on the part of the Planning Board Members. The recently adopted Plan received a lot of public input and the students were encouraged to take an active role in the growth of their community.

T. DeMarree asked if there were any questions/comments/concerns. There were none.

T. DeMarree and T. Watson will discuss the best way to proceed and T. DeMarree will provide additional discussion at a future meeting.

Training Sessions were discussed and Planning Board members were encouraged to consider attending.

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.n. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Greaney