

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING of March 29, 2006, with Mayor Pro Tem Amy Patterson, Alan Marsh, Dennis DeWolf, and Hank Ross present. The Mayor was out of Town and Comm. James was absent due to a back injury. Comm. Marsh had called the meeting in consultation with other Commissioners.

Also present were Richard Betz and Adam Thompson; Mario Gomes and George Mathis were also present but left shortly.

I. Call to Order.

The Mayor Pro Tem called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Business.

Comms. Patterson, DeWolf, Ross, and the Town Administrator had attended a Chamber of Commerce Retreat earlier in the day at which the Conference Center was discussed. The Chamber of Commerce had asked the Board to consider partnering with it on the cost of renovations to the building, the lease for which expired this year, and the Board discussed this in some detail.

In a wide-ranging discussion, the Board then discussed several concerns raised by Comm. Marsh, including the date the Parking Ordinance went into effect; a one-half cent sales tax for municipalities; garbage and water rates; property adjoining the Town Ballpark; license checks outside of Town by the Sheriff's Department; the progress of utility pole change-outs and the re-conductoring project and the possibility of funding such change-outs in the coming year as discussed on March 8; and a "rain" or stormwater tax. The Board also discussed placing development of a Master Recreation Plan in the Capital Improvement Program, litter problems in Town, and unpaved State roads in Town.

Comm. DeWolf then said that he would like for the Board to address residential density in B-3. The Town Administrator said that he understood the Planning Board had agreed at its previous meeting not to make a recommendation at the present time. The Board discussed this matter at length.

MOVED BY COMM. ROSS, SECONDED BY COMM. DEWOLF, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ASK THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO DRAFT AN AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE LIMITING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DENSITY TO TWO PER ACRE IN THE B-3 ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO PLACE DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING.

III. MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. ROSS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by the Mayor Pro Tem at 8:30 p.m.

Richard Betz, Town Clerk