

Royalton Planning Commission
minutes
February 10, 2014

Members present: Dreisbach, Powers, Levasseur, Gravel, Wilhite and Johnson.

Meeting called to order 7:01 pm.

1. Act 250 applications: McCullough's Quik Stop. 8'x24' addition to back of the store for working space, storage and repairs. No increase in operation. The PC had no concerns as to this application.

Town of Royalton, gravel pit at the Crawford property. PC asked Wilhite to look over the application.

2. Minutes, January 27, 2014. Motion to approve by Powers, seconded by Wilhite. Motion carried.

3. Survey. Dreisbach has issued invitations to committees and organizations in town, as well as the Law School, to attend the meeting of February 24, in which the PC will formulate the planning survey.

Levasseur distributed copies of the 2005 survey analysis, written by Alan Turner and published in the Herald of Randolph on July 14, 2005.

Wilhite discussed subject questions for the survey, starting with commercial development. Levasseur commented that commercial development has been a recurring topic in Royalton planning issues.

Questions could include:

- a. what kind of commercial development would people approve of, where, and how to encourage it,
- b. how does commercial development affect taxes, infrastructure, services, etc,
- c. also the tax base, for residential and commercial, and the quality and cost of schools. The school board may have input about questions pertaining to education,
- d. would people be willing to make sacrifices in land use policies in order to increase the tax base with more business and commercial development.

Wilhite to create an outline drawing from the topics above, for February 24 meeting.

Discussion on who we are targeting: voters, property owners or all residents? And do we want to make an on-line option? Dreisbach to work on getting grand list and voter checklist.

Suggestion by Johnson to use colored or color coded paper.

PC assigned homework: to extract any questions we could use as written in the examples supplied by Chris Sargent. E-mail to other members before next meeting. Be prepared to share these ideas with our guests as we start the survey process.

Dreisbach requested that his vote on minutes to the January 27 meeting be recorded as “nay”.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Levasseur, Secretary