

GEORGETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Planning Commission held its re-scheduled regular meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2005 in the Star Hook and Ladder Building. Chairman Sarah Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Chairman Sarah Kaminski, Vice Chairman Cynthia Skeen, and Commissioners Paul Nisler, Kerry Ann McHugh, and Malcolm Schaefer. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary/Town Clerk Merinel Williams.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Kaminski requested that review of the draft dark sky ordinance be removed from the agenda. Ms. Skeen moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Schaefer seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS - None.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Report from the Wayfinding Sign Committee

Mr. Nisler explained that the Wayfinding Sign Committee membership included Kathy Hoeft representing the Design Review Commission, Joni Hargitt representing the Business Promotion Commission, himself representing the Planning Commission and Town Administrator Chuck Stearns. An intern project assisted the Commission's work. Mr. Nisler summarized the Committee's findings and recommendations

The Commission briefly discussed the report and decided to continue its review to the October 12, 2005 meeting to allow members to study the materials further. The Commission requested that the full size, color version of the Committee's report be made available for this review.

Continued review and consideration for an Encroachment License application from the Grace Episcopal Church for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Nisler described the new information that has been submitted by the applicants. An encroachment agreement has been submitted by the Church to accompany the one previously submitted by the Foundation, and a new site plan has been submitted that more clearly indicates the areas of proposed encroachment, which is generally four feet wide from the church to 5th Street. The Commission agreed with Ms. Kaminski's recollection that the application's compliance with the approval criteria was confirmed at the September 14 meeting.

Mr. Schaefer moved to recommend that the Board of Selectmen approve the applications from the Grace Episcopal Church and the Grace Episcopal Church of Georgetown Foundation for encroachment licenses for portions of Taos Street adjacent to Lot 1, Block 13 as submitted. Ms. McHugh seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nisler moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2005 meeting as presented. Ms. Skeen seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Nisler moved, Mr. Schaefer seconded and it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The Commission continued to meet in work session to review regulations for the Gateway Mixed Use zoning district until 8:15 p.m.

Sarah Kaminski, Chairman

Merinel Williams, Town Clerk