

**Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting
January 14, 2013**

Subject to review and approval

Present: Jesse Moorman, Eileen Simpson, Gwen Hallsmith, Jon Anderson, John Bloch, Alan Goldman, Thomas Nowlin, Tina Ruth.

Call to Order by the Chair: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jesse Moorman.

Comments from the Chair: The Chair wished everyone a happy New Year.

Review meeting minutes from December 10, 2012: A motion was made by Jon to approve the minutes, seconded by Tina. Jesse stated that he wasn't at the meeting but there was an incomplete sentence regarding a change. After discussion, it was decided that a change wasn't actually made so the incomplete sentence can be deleted. Alan stated that there was no vote on the maps and that he had suggested the map from July, 2012 with no specific date be the reference. There was another section at the end of the first page that contained a motion and a second and no reference of a vote. The Board's remembrance was that the vote was unanimous. The vote to pass the minutes as amended was unanimous.

Continue reviewing Article 2 – Zoning Districts and Regulations: Jesse would like to review the maps for each area in an individual meeting or two as a clean slate and not need to refer to older versions. Kim asked if the issue was boundaries or density, Jesse said it was both. Towne Street is already scheduled for January 28th. Gwen stated that the map changes resulted from public meetings with residents of the areas. Eileen asked when these meetings took place and Gwen said it was during the design competition.

Kim moved the commission to orderly discuss and consider the Crestview, Towne Street, and Sabin's Pasture areas without consideration to the past. These discussions will take place at separate meetings. Tina seconded. Alan stated that would negate the vote that was taken at the last meeting and he disagreed with the motion. If necessary, he will go to City Council for their guidance on the matter.

Eileen asked to modify the motion to request that before the meeting, there be a package provided to the commission that includes the current plan and the proposed changes for review before the discussion at the meeting on the area.

The original motion was modified to set dates for the meetings. Towne Street is set for January 28th, Sabin's would be February 11th and February 25th, then Crestview would be March 11th and March 25th. It was also amended to contain Eileen's request for the informational packages. The motion passed with a nay vote from Alan.

The discussion moved onto the Towne Street area. There is a problematic intersection at Towne Street and Main Street that affects the density of that immediate area versus the rest of the area. The designation might change to suburban from village residential, which will affect the density.

Alan stated that the directive from City Council was to notify them anytime density was decreased.

Other Business: Jon mentioned that meeting more often might help the commission reach their goals sooner. Gwen stated the more meetings would be difficult for her until a new Zoning Administrator is hired since she's covering the DRB and DRC now, also. A Saturday meeting was mentioned. February 9th was suggested for members to keep in mind to decide at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Jon made a motion to adjourn, John seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary