

MINUTES OF ACTION

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at Noon

3 Romer's Alley (Sugar Loaf)

Opening - Noon

Attendance/Roll Call: Elizabeth Barrett-Zahn, Leslie Smith, Susannah Devine, Tracy Schuh, Bill Greene, Martine DiPasquale Absent: Jane Dysinger, EJ Szulwach
Community Member(s): Alicia Frosini, Langdon Morris, Clifton Patrick, Jay Westerveld

Approval of Minutes

October 24, 2024 Motion: Susannah Devine, Second: Bill Greene Approved unanimously
December 10, 2024 Motion: Bill Greene, Second: Susannah Devine Approved unanimously

New Business

Discussion – Comprehensive Plan Committee Recommendations

- Consensus to recommend changes to wetlands and riparian buffer zone minimums and include a section with definitions of terminology
- Consensus to recommend protections for natural habitat and not just focus on species to better protect ecosystems
- Consensus to recommend enforcement and accountability mechanisms to protect natural resources and habitats (ex. town identify/hire an ecologist as independent reviewer of developer plans and activities; paid for by additional general application fee to the town)
- Consensus to recommend the addition of archeological, historic heritage and cultural relevance as part of protected interests in the Comprehensive Plan
- Consensus to recommend attention to road salt impact on streams and roadside plants and trees (ex. Maple trees have died off on most of the roadsides because of the spread and dilution of road salt into soil.)
- Consensus to recommend a checklist be generated of all requirements, including DEC approvals/certifications, and planning agreements to be addressed by developers which should be maintained and used for follow-up by Planning Board and other enforcement agents of the town as projects progress toward completion. Revive the Dysinger checklist proposal for adoption by the Town Board as a requirement for Planning Board in town code
- Consensus to recommend that Planning Board use its discretion now to exceed the minimum standards for all buffer and protective zone areas in the period between the end of the development/building moratorium and the drafting of new town codes
- Proposal: Develop a posting to solicit help with “floodgate” of opportunities for site visits after end of moratorium (Bill Greene; to be discussed and finalized in February)
- Accept in whole the section re-write and update re: Sugar Loaf by Leslie Smith for submission to Comprehensive Plan Committee

Motion: Bill Greene, Second: Elizabeth Barrett-Zahn Approved Unanimously

Adjournment 1:09PM