

Public Hearing Minutes of August 16, 2018
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Perry Armstrong, Matt Fordham, Michael Hildenbrand

Municipal Staff: Adolfo Bailon (Town Manager), Mardee Sanchez (Zoning Administrator)

Public Attendees: Shane Niles, Kathy Leonard, Joan Allen, Christine Everett, Jesse Davis, George Holt, John Mazzucco, John Lutz, John Pimentel, Betsy Race, Brook Dingleline, Jerry Ward, Gary Dir, Jay Hooper, Camden Walters, Dave Crosby, Tom Ayres, Eric Kenyon

Media: Orca Media

Public Hearing

Mr. Hildenbrand called the Public Hearing to order at 5:33pm. Mr. Hildenbrand spoke about the reason for the hearing, and opened the floor for comment.

George Holt shared a packet with the board and spoke in support of the proposed Town Plan. Mr. Holt made some suggestions for improvements including the following. First, he believes that the current cover is bland, and so provided examples of “farm scene” photographs for the cover. Second, he suggested including an “Introduction” prior to Chapter 1, for the purpose of showing the “strengths in Randolph”. Third, he recommended moving and renaming the content of Chapter 1. Mr. Holt also provided and proposed some photographs to include in the report. Lastly, Mr. Holt spoke about the Economic Development Council, and how more guidance is needed to improve the economic conditions in town.

Joyce Mazzucco asked a question regarding the Selectboard Meeting.

Jesse Davis from Stagecoach mentioned that they had submitted comments to the Planning Commission to be considered for the Town Plan. Stagecoach also submitted a new appendix piece to Ms. Sanchez, the Town Engineer. Mr. Davis also spoke about public transit and the importance of it being included in the Town Plan; including the transportation infrastructure. Mr. Davis encourages local companies to support public transportation.

Brooke Dingleline pointed out grammatical errors in the Town Plan. Ms. Dingleline agreed to share these errors via e-mail with the Town Manager. Ms. Dingleline spoke about Appendix E of the proposed Town Plan, stating that the use of ‘large industrial wind’ is old language, and that a sentence on page 63 should be eliminated. Mr. Bailon asked that Ms. Dingleline include page numbers in her e-mails.

Jerry Ward stated that it was hard to find the Town Plan on the website, and asked to have it placed in a more prominent position.

Jay Hooper asked if there will be another Public Hearing. Mr. Hildenbrand said yes.

Joan Allen asked if the Selectboard will accept comments via letter. Mr. Hildenbrand said yes, and to submit them to Mr. Bailon and Ms. Sanchez. Ms. Allen briefly explained the nature of her questions.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:51 pm. The next meeting will be held on September 13, 2018.