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Minutes of August 2, 2005

Members Present: Bruce Tomlinson, Richard Duda, Bill Henchy, Steve Benson, Andrew Volansky, Kelly Rogers

Members Absent: John Meyer

Guests: Mike Miller (LCPC)

Recorder: Mark Leonard, Zoning Administrator (ZA)

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. On a motion by Andrew, seconded by Kelly, minutes of the July 19, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Mike Miller of LCPC reviewed the results of the Route 100 study he had conducted over the last six months. He noted the preceding Route 100 traffic analysis study, which had focused on traffic issues rather than zoning. His study found limited development opportunities along Route 100 from the village boundary south to the Stowe line. He said there was potential for around 30 homes on undeveloped property across from the airport.

Bill said he didn't want to see Route 100 commercialized, but still wanted to look at ways to re-zone the area around the airport to discourage residential development that inevitably would produce conflicts (primarily noise issues) with the airport. He suggested talking to the affected landowners about incentives to preserve existing farmland in the area as a way to prevent development. Andrew asked what kind of incentives might be available. Mike reviewed data on noise patterns around the airport.

Bruce said the airport is an asset to the community that should be expanded as conditions permit. He encouraged the Conservation Commission to be involved in the process.

Bill stressed that he wanted to continue exploring options and suggested that the Airplane Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA) could provide good information resources on how other communities had dealt with the same issues. He wants to define a set of tasks for Mike Miller to develop options for the Commission's consideration.

Mark will try to have a complete set of proposed bylaw revisions available for review at the next meeting.

On a motion by Bill, seconded by Andrew, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Leonard, recorder

Minutes approved on: SB/KR
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