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Minutes of May 3, 2005

Members Present: Richard Duda, Andrew Volansky, Kelly Rogers, Bill Henchy

Members Absent: John Meyer, Bruce Tomlinson

Guests: Mike Miller (LCPC), James Eichenberry

Recorder: Mark Leonard, Zoning Administrator (ZA)

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The board took up discussion on possible zoning changes along the Route 100 corridor. The build-out analysis prepared by LCPC showed the area near the airport as having considerable developable space. The board reviewed the existing bylaws regarding the airport hazard area, noting that its restrictions largely address any development that would pose a hazard to aircraft, rather than zoning uses. Mike Miller noted that non-residential uses around the airport could create a buffer zone between residential development that would possibly object to noise associated with the airport and the airport property. Bill presented the recent Airport Master Plan for members' review.

Mark reviewed some of the mandatory changes stemming from the Legislature's recent revisions to the land use and zoning statutes (24 VSA, Chapter 117). He will be incorporating these into the pending bylaw revisions and expects to have a draft ready for review at the next meeting.

Mark informed the members that there was an information meeting scheduled on May 16th to review the Town Facilities Committee's report on options for new town offices. He suggested, and the members agreed, to forego the next Planning Commission meeting (scheduled for May 17th) so that members could attend the meeting on the 16th.

Kelly and Bill noted that the Planning Commission had been assisted by the previous zoning administrator as a part-time planner. When the current zoning administrator was hired several years ago, that part-time function was eliminated. They suggested reviewing the need to have a planner on the town staff again.

The members present discussed the two candidates who had been interviewed for the vacancy on the commission. They unanimously voted to recommend Steve Berson's appointment by the Select Board.

On a motion by Andrew, seconded by Kelly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Leonard, recorder

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