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Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2014

Planning Council Present: Etienne Hancock, Yvette Mason, Max Paine & Mark Struhsacker.

Planning Council Absent: Andrea Caldwell, Paul Griswold (Chair) & Tom Snipp

Staff: Todd Thomas, Planning Director

Guests: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 P.M.

Discussion: Lighting Bylaw Changes – Mr. Thomas presented the Council with the existing 4½ page lighting bylaw and his proposed ½ page replacement lighting bylaw. He said that the proposed lighting bylaw was actually similar to the much larger version it would be replacing, with the exception that the proposed bylaw did not get into how much a property could be lit up. He added that the proposed bylaw simply required that lighting originate from a down-facing fixture and that all light stay on the property it originates from and not spill onto adjacent properties. Council members said they were comfortable with proposed lighting bylaw changes and agreed that this change would be included within the next zoning update.

Discussion: Proposed Meeting Schedule – The Council reviewed the proposed meetings schedule for 2014 and suggested no changes.

Discussion: Rte 100S zoning (land use chapter of Town Plan) – Mr. Thomas distributed the page of the Town Plan that spoke to what new land area in town, if any, could be newly zoned for business/industrial use (not commercial/retail). Mr. Thomas noted that the Town Plan language limited the areas listed where new business zoning could be added to two of the listed choices in the land use chapter. He added that since the Trombley Hill Industrial Park has already been zoned for business, only one of the other four areas listed in the Town Plan for potential business zoning extension could be chosen. Of the other potential choices, the Council focused on zoning the Cheng property across from Bishop Marshall for business use, as well as the land between the Business Enterprise Zone and the Airport Business Zone along Route 100. By a vote of 3 to 1, the Council agreed to focus its attention on evaluating if the land area between the Business Enterprise Zone and the Airport Business Zone should be zoned for business use at its May 20th meeting. The Council agreed to continue this discussion at this May meeting when all members could be present. It was agreed that a public informational meeting would take place after this meeting that included the landowners.

Approve prior meeting minutes – Member Mason moved to approve the April 1, 2014 hearing minutes. A vote of 4-0 affirmed the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM – submitted by Todd Thomas, Planning Director