

PANTON PLANNING COMMISSION/ DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

May 7, 2009

Present; Kirsten Hall, Jim Darragh, Zoning Administrator Ed Hanson, Louise Giovanella, Mike Hermann and Committee Chair David Raphael

Others present; Don Mina, Carl Lorenz and Mark Holomamy

Development Review Board

Meeting convened at 7:08 p.m. Previous meeting minutes reviewed Louise Giovanella motioned to approve the minutes as read Jim Darragh 2nd. Unanimously approved.

Don Mina representing Panton Hills Vineyard presented their plan to open a wine tasting room on Rt. 22A by 2011. Permits are being issued and Panton Hills Vineyard will be scheduled for a preliminary plat review on June 4, 2009. David Raphael informed the board that the Hartenstein/Bogen resolution of appropriate screening is still in progress.

Louise Giovanella motioned to adjourn the Development Review Board Jim Darragh 2nd. Unanimously approved.

Panton Planning Commission

Meeting convened at 7:43 p.m. Previous meeting minutes reviewed Louise Giovanella motioned to accept the minutes with amendment Jim Darragh 2nd. Unanimously approved.

The meeting consisted of a discussion of the Town Plan chapters that have been reviewed and changes that should be looked into. David Raphael thanked Jim Darragh and Louise Giovanella on the work they have reviewed. David Raphael will take on rewording the section on districts in the Current and Future Land Use chapter. Kirsten Hall reviewed the chapter on Education and Population. She shared that there are 308 taxable parcels, 9,845 acres, 48 student's currently enrolled in grades K-12, there were 9 births and 4 deaths in 2008 and the current population is 698 in Panton. David Raphael will make a list of demographic data pertinent to the Town Plan and check it with the Regional Planning Commission. Kirsten Hall will break the currently enrolled students down by grade.

Next month Louise Giovanella will review the chapter on Lake Champlain and revisit housing and David Raphael will bring in the rewritten Land use wording. Jim Darragh was scheduled to review the chapter on Implementation, Connections and Compatibility but he pointed out the redundancy of much of the goals, pollicies, actions and objectives in the chapters and suggested reducing and consolidating them. Actions, pollicies and objectives that are the same should be in one concise listing in the Implementation section. Goals that are specific to a particular chapter should remain listed in their respective chapters. Jim Darragh asked to have the chapter on Implementation, Connections and Compatibility moved towards the end of the review of the Town Plan, as it would fit better there. A discussion on achieving the Town Plans' five-year goals followed.

New Business

David Raphael handed out the Town Plan on CD and stated that the select board had removed the section on Esthetics. David Raphael handed out Tree Ordinance literature and explained that Select board member John Viskup would like to start a Tree Ordinance committee for the town.

David Raphael asked for their thoughts on having a Tree Ordinance. After some discussion it was decided that more information about existing tree laws at the state level and Tree Ordinances at the town level is needed. David Raphael informed the board that he has received literature from Smart Growth Vermont a non-profit organization promoting good planning design in the state. They are presently promoting scenic road planning and want to know if Panton would like to do anything with designating a scenic road plan in relation to Rt. 22A. David Raphael will bring in the literature he has received next month. Mike Hermann recommended a book on Act 250 to be purchased and placed at the Town Hall.

Mike Hermann motioned to adjourn Louise Giovanella 2nd. Unanimously approved meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Huff,
Clerk