

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8TH, 2013
CASTLETON MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Bruno, Frank Giannini, Joe Pintello, Sean Seguin

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jack Master

OTHERS PRESENT: see attached list

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M by Chairman J. Bruno.

Request for Change in Zone- Castleton State College

S. Dikeman stated that they have added an additional parcel for consideration-64 Seminary Lane- as well as the Reinfurt properties due to its contiguous nature.

Chairman J. Bruno asked if there were any ideas for bringing the parking/driveway back down to South Street. S. Dikeman stated that there were no plans to do that. S. Seguin suggested a curb cut to make it more user friendly, and expressed concern about accessibility to fire trucks.

Chairman J. Bruno expressed concern about the traffic on Seminary Lane.

J. Thomas noted that the zoning and the site plan are a different issue. He stated that the zoning should not be dependent on the site plan/curb cut, etc.

Chairman J. Bruno stated that he is not in favor of re-zoning more parcels to college campus. He stated he is concerned about how the character of Castleton changing. He asked if the college would be willing to give something back to the town if the parcels were re-zoned, such as a covenant or selling the White House. S. Dikeman stated that they do not plan to expand more, but he cannot speak for his successors.

J. Pintello stated that he feels the college should be allowed to expand since it brings jobs, etc. F. Giannini agreed, stating that he feels the college is an asset.

MOTION

Motion to approve re-zoning 30 Seminary Lane, 36 Seminary Lane, and 64 Seminary Lane to College Campus by F. Giannini. Seconded by J. Pintello.

Chairman J. Bruno stated that he would like to see the Planning Commission, Select Board, and the college have a joint meeting.

Vote on the Motion

S. Seguin, J. Pintello, and F. Giannini were in favor. J. Bruno abstained from voting. So voted.

Minutes for Approval- September 10th, 2013

MOTION

Motion to approve the minutes of September 10th, 2013 by S. Seguin. Seconded by J. Pintello. All in favor. So voted.

Other Business-Ex-Officio Members

Chairman J. Bruno stated that he is not convinced a Select Board member can sit on the Planning Commission as an ex-officio member without appointment from the legislative body. J. Hale disagreed, stating that the regulations indicate that in a rural town, the Select Board members are automatically ex-officio members of the Planning Commission.

F. Giannini stated that he feels J. Hale is here to help. Chairman J. Bruno stated that he feels J. Hale is abusing his authority. J. Hale stated that he will come to the meetings regardless of his ex-officio status and will leave for executive sessions.

Executive Session

MOTION

Motion to enter executive session with the board and J. Thomas by S. Seguin. Seconded by F. Giannini.

MOTION

Motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting with no action taken by S. Seguin. Seconded by F. Giannini.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Submitted by Brittany Gilman

Frank Giannini, Clerk

Date of Approval