



TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Monday
January 26, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Planning Commission Chair John Torode called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

Bruce Swenson
Rod Olson
John Torode
Henrik Nielsen
Annie Ottesen
Vilma McComsey

Commission Members Absent:

Elaine Coles

Staff Present:

Sue Ann Spens, Clerk Treasurer
Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Stacia Schroeder, Town Engineer

Public Attendees:

Craig Halverson, Resident
Luann Perkins, Resident
Jan Rogers, Resident
Sally Wright, Resident
Fred McConkey, Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of November 24, 2014. Moved by McComsey, seconded by Olson.

Passed 6-0

MOTION CARRIED

HUNTS POINT CIRCLE SAFETY ISSUES

Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder provided information regarding documents prepared for Commission Review. The proposed changes include:

- narrowing the roadway from 24 feet to 20 feet as a traffic slowing measure;
- installing gravel path on the 4 feet that will no longer be used as roadway
- installing hard curbs at the two corners with limited visibility to protect pedestrians and rolled curbs elsewhere to facilitate parking.

Ms. Schroeder also noted that this project would be done after the watermain and stormwater project is completed. At that time, the edges of the existing roadway will be sawcut and the curbs installed. None of the proposed changes will involve private property, except for two small areas near the northwest corner of the roadway.

There was discussion regarding extending the curbs near one of the corners to enhance safety. A resident asked about speed bumps, and Ms. Schroeder indicated that they are not effective as traffic calming devices.

There was extensive discussion about what material should be used for the walkway area. The original proposal was to leave what currently exists, gravel in some areas and asphalt in others. Some Commissioners expressed concern that the gravel would be more difficult for pedestrians and those with strollers to navigate and that the gravel would migrate onto the roadway and private property abutting the right of way. Ms. Schroeder commented that a couple of alternatives exist to address this concern. One is to use a compacting gravel to form a harder walking surface ; another is to use either pervious concrete or asphalt for the walkway material.

The Commission decided that they would like to see drawings and cost estimates using pervious concrete for the walkway at the next meeting. Also, they would like Ms. Schroeder to recommend a standard walkway width. Prior to the next meeting, Commissioners will visit sites with pervious concrete to see what the material looks like when it is installed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hunts Point Circle Watermain project – Commissioners asked if other utilities will be replacing their wiring and cables during the upcoming project. Town Engineer Schroeder answered that she asked Century Link and Comcast about upgrading their facilities during this project, and both have declined to do any replacement at that time. She will reach out to them again.

Emergency Management – Commission Swenson reminded everyone that radio checks are done every Sunday night at 7:30 pm, and he encouraged all radio holders to participate. He also reported that the new SR 520 installations have not interfered with radio reception, the local Ham Radio operators are working on developing a digital system, and there will be a regional emergency drill in June 2016. He will provide more information as it becomes available.

Basketball Hoop – Commission Nielsen asked about the basketball hoop that was formerly in the Town Hall parking lot. The hoop was knocked down and not replaced as it cannot be used when cars are parked in the area. At the next meeting the Commission will discuss placing a basketball hoop in another area, possibly near the tennis courts.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Moved by Ottesen, seconded by McComsey.

Passed 6-0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer