

TOWN/COMMERCIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Thursday, February 25, 2010
First Floor Meeting Room, Amherst Town Hall

Members present: Leslie Arriola, Jeffrey Blaustein, Jeffrey Krauth, Michael Jacques, Tony Maroulis, Mark Parent (chair)
Others present: Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director
Not present: Barry Roberts, Fred Levine, Nina Wishengrad

The meeting came to order at 5:50 PM.

1. Announcements & Minutes

Minutes from the January 21, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Blaustein moved their approval and Ms. Arriola seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

2. Permit Review Process

It was noted that the ZBA would be discussing the TCRC's report re: the conduct of permitting bodies at its meeting tonight.

There were no observed meetings to report.

3. Old Business

a. Permit Checklist

Mr. Tucker presented a draft of "A Citizen's Guide to Project Review and Approval Process."

Mr. Jaques described his experience inquiring about the permit process at Town Hall and distributed a draft of "A Guide to Starting or Operating a Business in Amherst" followed by discussion of potential additions to it followed by further discussion of problems for new businesses with the permitting process.

4. New Business

Mr. Tucker presented a concept plan discussed by the Amherst Redevelopment Authority to create a mixed use development in the location of the old fraternity/sorority houses on N. Pleasant Street and nearby areas.

There was discussion of proposed new health regulations which seek to regulate smoking in outdoor spaces. After discussion, Mr. Parent MOVED: "that the TCRC is opposed to the regulations, as currently drafted." Mr. Krauth seconded and the Motion, passed unanimously (5-0).

5. Other

6. Next Meetings

The next meeting was set for March 25, 2010 @ 5:45 PM.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey D. Blaustein