

Town of Andover Connecticut
Planning and Zoning Commission
Community Room, 17 School Road, Andover

October 23, 2017
Special Meeting
7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** Eric Anderson calls the Meeting to order at 7:03PM
2. **Roll Call/Seating of Alternates**

Members Present: Eric Anderson, Mike Palazzi , Scott Person

Members Absent: Robert Hamburger, Leigh Ann Hutchinson

Alternates Present: Gerry Hardisty (Seated for Robert Hamburger), Jed Larson (seated for Leigh Ann Hutchinson)

Alternates Absent: Ed Sarisley

Staff Present: John Valente, Zoning Official, Sandra Nichols, Commission Secretary

Public Present: None

3. New Business:

- a. Discussion of combined planning meeting with BOS and other Boards in November (date to be determined)

Eric Anderson presents a Power-Point Presentation to the Commission Members present regarding Andover's long term planning that will be presented at the joint meeting in November. He discusses the presentation in detail as it is presented.

Discussion among all Commission Members on short term and long term planing items, what has been accomplished and what the Town still needs to do.

Suggestions from Commission Members:

- Improved Senior Center

- Grocery store in Town
- Affordable housing for seniors
- Resource/open space protection

Discussion on Resource/open space protection ,the building height requirement in the Town/roofs flat or pitched and the need for a 35ft ladder truck for the Fire Dept. among all present.

Eric Anderson recommends that the Commission consider a Community Center in conjunction with a Senior Center.

- Over 55 housing is mentioned again
- Senior transportation in the Town needs to improve

Discussion on Senior Transportation, the bus situation

7:43 Ed Sarisley arrives

- Encourage more recreational activities (outdoors) in Town
- Workforce housing availability
- Implement a solar field at the transfer station
- Plan for the Public Works Dept. (new building)

Eric Anderson discusses the Complete Streets Plan and the data that he is looking for/has collected from the school.

Discussion on this Plan

Eric Anderson asks the Commission to discuss what outdoor activities that the Town currently has and what do we want to see added to that?

Discussion on what the Town Currently offers for outdoor activities and what suggestions the Commission Members may have

Suggestions:

- Outdoor concerts/Holiday sing-a-longs
- Outdoor volleyball/softball games
- Picnic/pavilion area to cook out and gather with restrooms/port-a-potties

- Swimming pond? (possible health issue). Skating pond

Gerry Hardisty leaves the Meeting at 8:10 and Ed Sarisley is seated for Rob Hamburger by Eric Anderson.

Discussion among all Members on possible sledding/biking and walking trails. Continued discussion on bathrooms/port-a-potties for the rail trail and a possible camping area.

Additional suggestions;

- Outdoor Basketball court
- Pavement around the infield track (due to possible erosion)
- Tennis court (shared with basketball court)?
- An additional outdoor location for movies/concerts
- Better location for the Farmers Market
- Dog park in Town?

Eric Anderson asks the Commission Members to site the advantages to living in the Town.

- Hop River
- Rails to Trails
- Resident State Trooper
- Lake
- Fire Department
- Good School system
- Church community
- Small Town that is close to cities(Hartford/Providence) and UConn.
- Strong library
- Historic area

Eric Anderson next asks the Commission about the disadvantages to the Town;

- All of the suggestions for the Town are sited again with the emphasis on the Community/Senior Center
- Lack of services
- Lack of a Town Center
- No basic signage
- Poor trail signs
- No side walks
- Lack of community parking and a playground
- Lack of river access
- Lack of rental opportunities
- Have to pay for Lake access
- Lack of a Town gym
- Small town crew and the need for a ladder truck in the Fire Dept.

Discussion among all Members on the traffic issues in Town (mainly Rte 6). Also noted in discussion is that the Town is not fully staffed as other Towns are and the suggestion that the Elementary School could temporarily be used as a Community/Senior Center due to decreasing enrollment.

Eric Anderson discusses the potential Joint Meeting in November and recaps this Meeting.

Adjournment:

Ed Sarisley Motions to adjourn at 9: 06PM

Mike Palazzi Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous 5/0/0

*Respectfully submitted by Sandra Nichols, Commission Secretary

***These Minutes are submitted as required by the Freedom of Information Act and are not official until formally approved by the Commission.**

