

Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

Meeting Date: September 28, 2011

Attendees: Kathy Corson, Doug Eastman, Barb McEvoy, John Hauschildt, Sylvia von Aulock, Frank Ferraro, Mary Dupre, Pam Gjettum, Pete Richardson, Kristen Murphy, John Merkle, and Pete Cameron

Special Guest: Julie LaBranche (RPC)

Meeting Notes

1. Review of last meeting and Form Based Codes (FBC). Lengthy debate of what may be considered as obstacles within the Zoning Ordinance.
 - a. Question put to group, considering new projects now completed on Portsmouth Ave, what works within those designs and what doesn't work.
 - i. Under the doesn't work, pedestrian access is difficult, vehicle and pedestrian conflicts, too many curb cuts
 - b. Concern that existing zoning is based in setbacks and other limitations.
 - c. Discussion also on desires of property owners may be in direct contrast to desires of board members, abutters, and/or staff.
2. Consideration of how FBC and its associated design process
 - a. Suggestion that FBC are about goals and objectives, with an end result for pedestrian scale.
 - b. Development should enhance the existing setting.
3. Discussion of goals and objectives for the gateways into Exeter such as Portsmouth Ave, Epping Road, Hampton Rd and Front Street.
 - a. Again what are the visions for these areas.
 - b. Which gateway is the most important and has the most to gain by FBC.
 - c. Examine existing regs to see if they hinder what is desired.
4. Creation of subcommittee to examine the issues. Next meeting Wed., Oct 5th. at 8:15.

Next meeting of ZORC will be on Wednesday, Oct 12th at 8:15.

Draft Agenda:

1. Form Based Code
 - Talking Points:
 - Review of subcommittee process on FBC, and what we want to achieve
 - Presentation by DPW of Portsmouth Ave Reconstruction Project
2. Other Topics:
 - Signage update and coordination with Town Ord.
 - ZBA wetlands issues and concerns,
 - C1 dwelling unit req'd square footage
 - Schedule next meeting