

MINUTES

Meeting of the Town of Woodbury SOAT/AIA Steering Committee Organizational Meeting
Saturday June 13, 2015

10:00 A.M., Shove Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bill Butterly, Joe Donato, Susan Cheatham, Jack Well, Bob Clarke, Bob Travers, Jane Sandulli, Mike Novak, Hiram Peck.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alex DeSorbo

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Citizens, Member of the press

CALL TO ORDER: Chm. Bill Butterly called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS; Member Hiram Peck presented an overview of the time line, he stated that the American Institute of Architecture will send a survey team of three on July 20, 2015 to assess the section of Main Street between Quassuk Road and the south end of the Middle Quarter District. A report from them will be returned in the fall of this year with suggestions on how to "clean up the survey area".

Hiram Peck then went on to explain the initial duty of the Steering Committee which is to form three nonmember Stakeholder Groups. They as follows;

1. Land Owners
2. Business Owners
3. Neighborhood (resident)

Each of these three groups is to have a specific number of members, and one representative that will head each group will have the duty of selecting the other members of that group.

Hiram instructed the members of the Steering Committee to come back to the next meeting, which will be held on June 27th, with suggestions of possible leaders for each of the groups.

The Committee then discussed possible methods, such as a Face Book page, so as to provide a mechanism for General Public input.

Susan Cheatham expressed concerns on how this will impact the Town's Historic District. Hiram Peck explained the Group of Architects are both very respectful and sensitive of Historic Districts.

Bob Travers initiated a discussion on the diversity of the members of the Stakeholder Groups.

Robert Clarke suggested that the study area be expanded to extend from Woodbury Pewterers to Flanders Road.

Hiram suggested that the Committee look into raising funds to help defray any costs that the Committee may incur.

It was pointed out by Hiram that the process should be documented, perhaps by the High School Neat TV Crew. Citizen Michelle Ecsedy suggested asking that the Bibbeys, a local Production Team, be asked to perform this task.

Jack Well asked how Blighted Properties will be addressed. Hiram pointed out those "Facade Grant" monies may be available.

Jane Sandulli expressed concerns about "Bump-outs" along certain parts of Main Street. Hiram pointed out that they must first be approved by the State, and if approved, the tack of snow removal would fall upon the Town.

There was a brief discussion about "Fill-in" lots (the practice of filling in vacant lots).

Chairman Bill Butterly stated that any concerns or suggestions from Committee Members be forwarded to the First Selectman's Office.

Chairman Bill Butterly made the suggestion that the Committee's name should be changed to "Imagine Woodbury". The suggestion was well taken and adopted.

Hiram presented the possibilities of adopting "Cell Phone Tours"

ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting will be held at 10 am on June 27, 2015 at the Town's Senior Center.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Donato Acting Clerk

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