

TOWN OF RUMNEY
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 14, 2020

The July Planning Board meeting was a Zoom meeting hosted by Tara Bamford.

Present: Brad Eaton, Brian Flynn, Armand Girouard, Isaac DeWever, Don Winsor, and Judi Hall

Absent: George Bonfiglio, David Cook and Sarah Rubury

Also Present: Tara Bamford

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

This Work Meeting was held on Zoom, hosted by Tara Bamford

The meeting began with a discussion of the introduction:

- More explanation of what the Planning Board is trying to address.
- Should we be neutral or let respondents know that we are leaning towards zoning?
- Stress that Zoning will allow Rumney to have control of their town.
- Stay general but try to draw out what people are passionate about.
- Explain it is becoming more difficult to control our growth through subdivision.
- Find a way to say we have little to no say about how the town develops
- Armand – “As our community grows and changes welcoming progression while maintaining our small-town community lifestyle is vital for all of the residents of Rumney. Having a simple ordinance in place to help maintain what we love about Rumney will be beneficial for all and for future generations who will call Rumney home.” Also add something about development that has occurred that the town has no control over and residents are upset about.
- Need to get across that residents came to us to protect their rights and we had to tell them there was nothing we could do.
- Brian – In an effort to have the people of the Town of Rumney have more control of the future growth of their town this survey is being put together to help figure out the best path forward to give people more guidance over the growth of the town.
- Statement rather than opinion.
- Think of this as the cover letter of the survey
- Strike “is considering” and replace with “would like to work with the community”

- Add something about time involved to take survey.
- Tie in Master Plan

The Select Board is in favor of the Planning Board moving forward with this. Many issues before the Board are difficult to address without regulations.

Rumney Renaissance -Why this is the time: recreational hotspot, climbing, campgrounds, homes purchased for AirBnB, and post COVID market.

Question #1 Relationship to town

- Include owner or renter
- List will come from tax clerk and voter registration
- Maybe just ask about home ownership not renting

Question #2

- Eliminate choice D.
- Do we want to reword choices A and B?
- Keep questions short and simple so people will be more apt to respond.
- Do we need to explain more?
- Should this question be later in the survey. Have people answer lists first.
- #5 becomes 2?
- As written A and B are short and concise. Mirrors what is in the Master Plan.
- Be sure to have a link to Master Plan
- #4 moved to #2. Maybe #2 moved to #3.
- Wordsmith next draft.
- Asking why respondent does not support zoning may give us ideas of how to craft the ordinance. Maybe ask about “reservations” rather than just not if you are against.

Question #3

- Rephrase intro to this question. Don’t want to make it sound like zoning is a forgone conclusion. Maybe leave as is.
- Be straight up and honest. Don’t look like we are trying to trick anyone
- Zoning should mirror subdivision regulations
- Type of Development – vague? Question #4 is about type of development and should come before this question. Maybe remove this choice since we have a question that addresses this.
- G. Other
- Distance instead of setbacks.

Question #4

- Order of types of Development? ABC, clustered by use (residential, commercial, public)
- Districts – how do we define these?
- Don't get too concerned about these yet.
- Stinson Lake should be separate.
- Combine “the Village and West Rumney” as “Village Areas”
- Getting complicated, keep it simple for now.
- Land uses seems complete
- Maybe add Town Houses/Condos. Different from apartments

Question #5

- Move before #4.

Question #6

- Add s to area

Question #7

- Leave this question. Add references to “villages”
- Do we need this question? Does “village area” imply denser development. Not necessary to survey at this time. Look at when delineating areas.

Question #8

- Replace restrict with regulate
- Should give us a lot of direction

Question #9

- Another way to ask the village question.

Question #10

- This is where we should add question about zoning – “Do you have concerns?”

The next meeting will be on the 28th of July.

Update on campground – DES inspector at Brad's gave Brad a compliance guy. Brad relayed information to Joe Chivell.

Judi talked with Cheryl Lewis about regulations. Community water systems are of biggest concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judi Hall