

A regular meeting of the Bath Planning Board was called on 12-5-06 for the purpose of conducting regular business.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Harper, Chair
James Hopkinson, Vice Chair
Bob Oxton
Andy Omo
Jennifer DeChant
David King
Robin Haynes
Chelsea Hall (non-voting student member)
John Underwood (non-voting student member)

MEMBERS ABSENT**STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Upham, Planning Director
Morgan Decker, Recording Secretary

Mr. Harper, Chair, called the meeting to order in the third floor Council Chambers at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006.

Minutes of the November 21, 2006 meeting

DR. HAYNES MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. OXTON, TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2006 MEETING AS PRESENTED.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**Old Business****Item 1**

Subdivision Plan, Sign Mylar, and Approve the Notice of Decision – Front Street (Map 21, Lots 231, 232 & 235); Old Shipyard Land, LLC, applicant. (Continued from the November 21, 2006 meeting)

Mr. Upham reminded the Planning Board that the only item before the Board pertaining to the application is the review of the recreation area.

Mr. Harper invited Ms. Davis to speak regarding the recreation plan.

Ms. Davis presented a map of the proposed development, showing a passive recreation area including a wooded area as well as two gardens. Ms. Davis said the Homeowner's Association would be responsible for all aspects of the recreation areas once created.

Dr. Haynes asked if the gardens and wooded areas have pathways so the residents can walk through them.

Ms. Davis said that there are some naturally occurring pathways in the wooded area, but she would not be creating anything new as the site is not affected by the remediation plan and she would prefer to keep this portion as close to natural as possible. Ms. Davis said with regard to the two gardens, there would be pathways.

Dr. Haynes wanted to know if there would be benches in the gardens so the residents would be able to view the river.

Ms. Davis replied she would be happy to add benches to the plan, followed by Dr. Haynes's question as to whether conditions should be added to mandate seating in the gardens.

Mr. King opined that the note about benches could be added to the Site Plan, but to remove some other unclear wording from the plan.

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding notes and conditions on the plan. It was the general consensus to delete unnecessary wording and add a note that benches will be added to the gardens.

Mr. Harper asked if these changes, which would result in continuing the signing of the Mylar to another meeting would affect Ms. Davis's timeline. Ms. Davis said it would not.

Hearing no further discussion from the Board, Mr. Harper said he would entertain a motion.

DR. HAYNES MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. KING, TO CONTINUE THE APPLICATION TO THE FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IN JANUARY FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE FOURTH CONDITION ON THE PLAN AND THE ADDITION OF A NOTE (NOTE 2) THAT THERE WILL BE SEATING PROVIDED IN GARDENS 1 AND 2.

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Hearing no new business or other business, Mr. Harper asked for a motion to adjourn.

MR. KING MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. HAYNES, TO ADJOURN.

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Meeting adjourned 6:17 p.m.

Minutes presented by Morgan Decker, Recording Secretary.