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**PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2012**

Chairman Ackerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Mallory Town Hall. Commissioners present: Chairman Barbara Ackerman, Neil Volkmar, Jeannene Burruano, Paul Voorhees, Monty Clark, and alternates Jan Desiato, Jill Finch and Mary Lee. Absent were Ted Hollander and Mark Weber. Also present was Ron Cooper, ZEO and Michele Battaglia, Clerk. There was no audience member recording or videotaping the meeting.

New Business

- 1. Sherman Firehouse – Landscaping and Lighting Plans:** Chairman Ackerman stated that in order to close out the special permit the lighting and landscaping plans have to have a final approval from the Commission. She stated that she would like to have Mr. Bob Accosta, Fire Chief, at the meeting to discuss the lighting and will ask him to attend the next meeting. A site walk of the firehouse to view the lighting will take place after the meeting on May 17, 2012.
Mr. Ron Cooper presented an updated planting plan. He conducted a site walk and marked up the plan as to where new plantings were. Commissioner Clark motioned to accept the planting plan as submitted. Commissioner Volkmar seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- 2. Naromi Land Trust – Proposed access parking for Towner Hill Preserve:** Mrs. Marge Josephson was in attendance. There are 80 acres on the south side of Route 37 East that have a number of hiking trails. They are proposing a parking area in order for the public to access this area. The Department of Transportation has looked at the road frontage available and found that the proposed area is the best spot. The proposed access parking will be wide enough for two cars (one going in, one going out) with a stop sign, an entry sign and will contain six parking spaces. A public hearing has been scheduled for June 7, 2012, with a site walk scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on May 17, 2012.
- 3. Certificate of Zoning Compliance for 16 Chapel Hill Road:** Ron Cooper stated that there is a 13 acre parcel and the owners would like to split off a parcel of it as a “first cut”. Each new parcel will have more than enough buildable area and have received health and wetland approval. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the certificate of zoning compliance. Commissioner Volkmar seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Additional Items

- 1. Audience Participation:** There was no audience participation.
- 2. Minutes:** Commissioner Volkmar motioned to accept the meeting minutes of April 5, 2012 and April 19, 2012. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- 3. Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.
- 4. Zoning Enforcement Officer’s Report:** Ron Cooper, ZEO reviewed the April 2012 ZEO report.

5. Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

6. Chairman's Report: There were no comments.

7. Commissioner's Comments: There were no comments.

Commissioner Volkmar motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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