

Planning Commission News

The Guilford Planning Commission is devoting this next year to the discussion of the options for land use preservation and planning for growth. Communication with Guilford residents and land owners is the most significant part of this project. The first of several community meetings was held April 19 at the Broad Brook Grange and over fifty-five residents and land owners attended. Act 250 and Town ordinances were discussed.

The Town Plan's proposed Land Use map was reviewed, which largely reflects existing conditions, and designates areas which are suitable for being undeveloped lands, conservation crossings, various densities of development, and agricultural resource areas. Another map was shown which illustrated the buildings currently in Guilford and the implications for future development.

A wide variety of land use and preservation topics and concerns were discussed:

- Access to lands for sporting purposes, including hunting, fishing, and other recreation

- The importance of preserving agriculture, including lands and farmers, in town. (Possible considerations include low/no taxation, and town acquisition of development rights.)

- Our aging population; how to encourage young people's involvement in the community

- The importance of having/promoting a sense of community, the value of neighborhoods

- Small businesses and how to encourage and regulate them

- The importance of high speed internet services for businesses

- Possible spillover into Guilford from Brattleboro's efforts to limit big boxes, and the importance of addressing potential "Putney Road South" development along Route 5

The Planning Commission hopes to hear from many community members in this process. Please attend our community meetings and share your ideas, values, suggestions, and concerns about Guilford and growth and development. The Commission's regular meeting is the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Office. Our second community meeting will be on June 7th, at the Broad Brook Grange at 7:00 pm.

Music History BROOKE BALTES

Since I can remember I've been obsessed with music – it's my life! Music has always been in my household, and I guess that is how it all started.

Here are a few dates that I think were big landmarks in musical history.

January 22, 1993- Metallica's "Nowhere Else to Roam" tour began in Kalamazoo, MI.

February 4, 2002- On Rosa Park's 89th birthday, Stevie Wonder sang "Happy Birthday" at the premiere of her movie "Ride to Freedom: The Rosa Parks Story".

March 30, 1994- The album "Division Bell" by Pink Floyd was released.

April 5, 1994- Lead-singer of Nirvana, Kurt Cobain, died.

May 2, 1979- The Who performed their first concert after the death of drummer Keith Moon,

June 10, 2004- Ray Charles died.

July 21, 1987- Guns 'N Roses debut album "Appetite for Destruction" was released.

August 5, 1966- The Beatles "Revolver" was released in the U.K.

September 13, 1996- Tupac Shakur died after six days in critical condition.

October 15, 1998- P. Diddy played his first U.K. show.


November 5, 1995- After the death of Freddie Mercury, Queen released their first studio album.

December 15, 1969- John Lennon gave his last performance in England.

I hope this article has brought you up to date on your musical knowledge.

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