

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTBOARD

ZONING BYLAW PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, January 10, 2011

PRESENT: Katie Buckley (Town Administrator), Troy Revis, Jr. (Selectman), Anne Rider (Selectwoman)

PUBLIC: Michael Alexander (GPC), John Bennett (WRC), Suzanne Borichevsky (GPC), Reed Cutting, Cheryl Franklin, Nicholas Franklin, Tim Franklin, Chris Garofolo (Reformer), George Houghton, Susan James(GPC), Lewis LaClair, Nicholas LaFlam, Karen Murphy, Shaun Murphy, Jon Sargent, Tammy Sargent, Eric Slade, Charles Whipple, Rick Zamore (GPC)

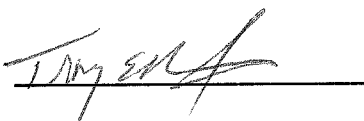
The hearing was called to order by Anne Rider at 6:11 PM. Anne explained the purpose of the hearing was for the Selectboard to approve the final version of the proposed zoning bylaw (revision dated December 15, 2010) and to receive public feedback. She went on to say that it is the Board's intention to send the question of whether or not to adopt the zoning bylaw to the voters – they will decide by Australian (paper) ballot on Town Meeting Day, March 1, 2011.

Anne informed the group that several members of the Guilford Planning Commission (GPC), as well as John Bennett from the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) were present and could answer any lingering questions they may have. She then opened the floor for public comment. Karen Murphy asked if the changes suggested from the last public hearing on the matter were incorporated into the latest revision of the document. Rick Zamore and Susan James outlined some of the changes. Lewis LaClair questioned why the Town is even entertaining the idea of zoning. Troy Revis explained the purpose of the hearing again to Mr. LaClair and encouraged him to get to the polls to cast his vote.

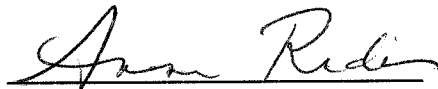
There was a brief discussion on how the origin of the zoning bylaw came to be and what the intentions of it are. Several residents asked hypothetical questions about potential zoning issues that they may face. Questions/concerns were raised about the administration of the bylaw if it were to pass: would it be fairly enforced, how much would it cost, the longer it is in effect will it grow more complex, etc.? Anne explained that the permit fees would fund the Zoning Administrator, not taxes. Both Anne and Rick explained that any future changes made to the bylaw must also be made through an Australian ballot vote. A general discussion about the bylaw ensued.

The Planning Commission will host an informational meeting on February 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Guilford Central School cafeteria.

The hearing adjourned at 6:39 PM.



Troy Revis, Jr.



Anne Rider