

**March 6, 2017, Monday**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting**

Present: Chuck Cardillo, Steve Shatz, Don Chabon, Danielle Fillio

Chuckie opened the meeting with the Planning Board to discuss zoning.

Gary Pitney, Planning Board Chair, said that based on recent amendments, public hearings, and changes, he felt it appropriate to have a more broad based review of the zoning bylaw. They will have a small subcommittee, created of 5 to 7 members at open meetings and are looking towards a consulting firm for guidance.

Kate Fletcher would like to use money that was allocated at Town Meeting (\$25,000) to be used for the consulting company.

Steve said that zoning bylaws are political documents affiliated with town specific views and asked if the master planning process would be looked at as well.

Gary said yes, but they are looking at zoning first to get started.

Steve questioned if there has been enough discussion at a community level as to where the town wants to be before the board actually begins shaping the bylaws.

Gary feels that zoning is a great way to start.

Kate said that wording and language confusion should be a key place to start.

Dominic Cardillo said that a Master Plan is a 2 to 3 year process and we need to be looking at the bylaws also.

Steve asked how long the process will last and Kate said that she was not sure how long the process will take.

Don said that it is a very important process and would like public information and input from the community.

Gene Talbot said that public input will be a part of the process and that zoning bylaws will be what defines the Town.

Ruth Pearce said that they would look at the zoning bylaws and then a broader vision would come from that.

Dominic felt that getting the visionary report was a good start and tomorrow evening they will discuss an ad hoc committee which would include other board members.

Marie Raftery asked if there were any ideas of who should be on the board and Chuckie and Steve suggested members of the Chamber/business representatives, the ZBA, Conservation and possibly the Building Inspector.

Don asked to add to the website about the openings.

Steve thanked the Planning Board for moving forward and wished them luck with this uneasy task.

With no further discussion Don made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded. The vote was unanimous.