

MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING
4/12/2010

The meeting was called for 7 pm in the Town Hall. Present were Dedun Ingram (chair), Craig Brooks, Stephanie Brown (left 8:15), Tom Collins, Kathy Flaxman, Georgia Guhin, Lees Hartman, Joe Rubin, Joel Rubin (8:05), Deborah Vollmer, and Linna Barnes (Council liaison).

Dedun called the meeting to order at 7:15. Copies of the minutes of March 8 were distributed. Stephanie moved to approve as printed. Seconded, passed without dissent.

Dedun passed out copies of Vic Tervalu's draft of the Additions section of the handbook, as she had edited it. The committee went over this with the aim of creating a solid chapter that could be used as a template for the other chapters. The order of some sections was changed, with a list of relevant code sections moved to the end. Members agreed that some parts needed less detail; residents can be told where to go to calculate things like setbacks, and do not need to see all possibilities here. In general the emphasis should be on consulting with the Town for accurate information. It was suggested that external alterations which do not add square footage be separated from additions, which do. Paving (driveways, walks, patios, and other non-vegetative surface) should have a separate section.

Defining terms in the code: Craig passed out a list of items regulated by the Town and terms referenced in the regulations that are not defined in Town code (about 70% of the total). The Town attorney had previously advised us that in such cases we default to the County definition. Linna offered to cross-reference Craig's list with the County's definitions. The committee will review the list before the May meeting and note terms that they do not feel need to be defined.

Dedun will circulate the Additions chapter, with the changes discussed, to committee members before returning it to Mr. Tervalu.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.