

**Harrisville Planning Board**  
**Minutes**  
**May 11, 2011**

**Members Present:** Sherry Sims, Noel Greiner, Ned Hulbert, Anne Havill (alternate), Bob Sturgis, Jay Jacobs (ex-officio Selectman), Heri Tryba (alternate)

**Members Absent:** Charles Michal (Selectman alternate)

**Members of the Public Present:** Winston Sims

Mr. Hulbert called to the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance and Voting Members:**

Mr. Hulbert introduced the Board and said that the voting members are himself, Mr. Greiner, Mrs. Sims, Mr. Sturgis and Mr. Jacobs

**Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as posted.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

**Old Business:**

**Quarterly meeting of land use board chairs:**

Mr. Hulbert reminded the group that the next scheduled meeting of the land use board chairs is Wednesday, May 25. He invited Planning Board members to suggest topics for discussion. One topic might be methods of access to the aerial maps. Mr. Jacobs also mentioned an interest in expanding Harrisville's commercial zone as ways of encouraging business in Harrisville. Mrs. Sims suggested that this might also be appropriate to discuss in Master Plan work and revision of Zoning Ordinances. Mrs. Sims and Mr. Hulbert have some topics for discussion in mind that they will email to Mr. Jacobs before the meeting on May 25.

**Aerial Photographs:**

Mr. Michal had printed a section of the new DOT aerial maps along with the same section from Google maps. The Planning Board discussed uses of these maps. Mrs. Havill suggested that they would be useful for work on the Master Plan showing the percentages of farm, woodland, wetlands, etc. Mr. Jacobs said that USDA Farm Services in Walpole is an excellent source for determining these percentages.

The aerial maps are interesting to pore over and members feel it would be good to make them available to the public. Mr. Jacobs said that the town is getting a power point projector and perhaps the program of the aerial maps can be put on it. Ways of doing this were deferred to the more techno savvy Mr. Michal, who was not able to be present at this meeting.

**Master Plan:**

Mrs. Sims distributed copies of minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting of the sub-committee for the Master Plan work. The main topic of that meeting was to sketch out the composition of the Master Plan committee and the schedule and expected completion of the revised Master Plan. The sub-committee suggested including representatives from

certain key committees of Harrisville 2020: Housing, Energy, Business and Agriculture, as well as a representative from the Conservation Commission and a representative-at-large from Harrisville. Mr. Jacobs indicated that he didn't think an Agriculture representative was important, though there was subsequent discussion about the help Agriculture could contribute to the Land Use section of the Master Plan.

Mr. Greiner felt that the suggested process was too lengthy and that the existing Planning Board could produce a revised Master Plan in a few months without many more meetings. This led to lengthy discussion about the process of getting feedback about the vision ideas generated at Harrisville 2020, and what was realistic in all the logistics of the new Master Plan.

The decision making process about the Master Plan is that the sub-committee will make initial decisions, then bring drafts and ideas to the full Planning Board. Once there is a draft, the Planning Board will hold a public meeting. Based on feedback from that, the Planning Board will then modify if necessary, and then vote to approve the Master Plan. The process and timing will be discussed more at the next sub-committee meeting, which will be in late May or early June.

An important consideration of the new Master Plan is that it is not left unused on a shelf. It is important that it is a working document; one way of doing that is to include an implementation section that will refer to zoning ordinances and sub-division regulations.

**Correspondence:**

Mrs. Sims reminded the Board of the spring OEP conference on June 11. She will attend and encouraged other members to attend, also. Mr. Jacobs said representatives of the ZBA would attend, too.

**Administrative:**

Mrs. Sims distributed updated copies of the contact information for the Planning Board members.

She also had some updated sections of the OEP's Planning Board handbook, and she went over the inserts for the Zoning Ordinances. These showed the few zoning changes made at the March 2010 Town Meeting, and she made sure that all Planning Board members had the current ordinances.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Chairman