

TOWN OF WESTPORT

PLAN COMMISSION - December 13, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room of the Bernard J. Kennedy Administration Building by Van Dinter. Members present: Bowen, Clark, Grosskopf, Manering, Robinson, Trotter and Van Dinter. Members absent: None. Also attending were: Terry Enge, Bill von Rutenberg, Andy Currie, and Tom Wilson.

No one was present to comment on matters not on the agenda. The minutes of the November 8, 2010 regular meeting and December 1, 2010 special meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Manering, second Trotter.

Enge was present to report on the work of the Park Committee. Bowen was present to report on the work of the Historic Preservation Committee.

After a brief presentation by Wilson, comments by Van Dinter, recusal from participation on the matter by Van Dinter and Robinson due to a related item pending before the Town Board, and comments by the owner on the Currie Woodland Drive Driveway Restriction Release, no action was taken by the Commission but each Commissioner did provide comments opposing the restriction release for the following reasons raised:

Safety in the area will be compromised by the additional driveway due to the following: The area is already congested with traffic, traffic volumes are high on Woodland and will increase, the slope of the driveway that is requested and problems with drainage/water flow down the driveway and slipperiness/sliding, and vehicles are coming from three directions to that area.

The owner was really looking for the creation of a lot.

Not a good idea to allow the driveway in the area coupled with all of the other changes that will be occurring there.

Access to the property the owner is concerned about is already in place from his current home location as shown by pictures the owner presented, so there is no need for the additional access requested.

The driveway would in some way affect the Reibles across Woodland, and they don't need anything more changing in that area.

Van Dinter and Wilson reported on items before the Waunakee/Westport Joint Planning Committee and Middleton/Westport Joint Zoning Committee.

For Miscellaneous Matters or Forthcoming Events were raised, Clark inquired about the progress in getting the train to stop using its whistle at the Mill Road crossing and Wilson said he would follow up on this.

Motion to adjourn by Robinson, second Clark. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Mary Manering, Secretary