Advisory Workgroup Kickoff Meeting Notes

12/20/2017

Suggested Kickoff Meeting Goals

- Establish a schedule/ timeline
- Agree on the meeting administration
- Review and refine the second tier goals
- Assign some homework to define and evaluate our options for some of the key policy issues
- Invite a guest participant for our next meeting?

Proposed Meeting Administration

- Meet First and Third Wednesdays of each month; 7 pm Town Hall
- Emails for schedules, drafts, information NOT for debate and discussion
- All meetings will be public and advertised, but are not public hearings.
 Nonetheless we should devote the last 15 minutes of each meeting for public comment/suggestions.
- The meetings will be recorded; the chair or his/her designee will issue a brief summary of each meeting to capture progress and identify next issues.
- This is a workgroup, not the Planning Board (even though we may have a quorum of PB members). PB voting will occur only at regularly scheduled PB meetings.

Overall Process

- 1. Determine First and Second tier goals (nearly done)
- 2. Determine Key Policy positions that support these goals (strategies)
- 3. Look to our professional planners to determine how to best implement these policies (tactics)

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Some obvious key issues for future discussion/resolution

- It is fairly obvious how we support pre-existing, non WD uses in the district; it is less obvious how we support the existing WD uses.
- How do we achieve the desired public access?
- Building height
 - o 30 feet or existing height or 35 feet with view corridors?
 - o Allowance for increased ground floor elevation requirements?
 - o Could it depend on distance from the road; from the water?
- How to handle residential and common wall construction in the district?
- Revision of permitted uses
- What is the structure of the new zoning; is it a revision of the current M/WD district; an overlay district; a new district? How will the distinction between lots with existing WD uses and lots with preexisting, non-WD uses be handled?