

Bethel Planning Commission
Minutes: Meeting of 11/10/08

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Attending: Davis Dimock (Chair), Peter Dohrn, Joanne Kent, Carla Hodgdon, Eric Richardson, Cecil Washburn, Craig Wortman.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:58 PM as joint meeting with the Select Board. Discussion regarding two of the three proposed amendments to the Bethel Zoning Ordinance: multiple family housing and outside wood boilers. Commission members shared their research and thinking on both topics. Select Board members shared their concerns regarding possible impact for residents and the current economy. The Select Board will take the proposed amendments under further consideration. Discussion regarding possible future tasks for the Planning Commission: consider consolidation of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations to streamline the process for applicants, the next Town Plan up-date (due by August 2011) to be preceded by another public survey that will solicit input for questions from the Select Board, BBA, school, and other civic organizations), detailing specific 'measurement' criterion in the Zoning Ordinance or Town Plan in keeping with the recent Supreme Court decision on the same. Commission members appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Select Board, to share thoughts, and to discuss matters of import to both groups. The groups separated at 7:45 PM.
2. **Call to Order:** 7:48.
3. **Minutes- Meeting of 10/15/08:** Approved as distributed in draft on 10/16/08.
4. **Review & Finalize Planning Commission Annual Report for the 2009 Town Meeting:** Unanimously approved as distributed in draft prior to this meeting.
5. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, **JANUARY 21**, 2009

Agenda Items:

 - a. Annual Election of Officers.
 - b. 2009 Work Plan...
 - 1) Municipal Planning Grant for Public Survey
 - 2) Back-plan Town Plan up-date
 - 3) Consolidation of Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Regs
6. **Adjourn:** 8:01 PM.

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Approved 01/21/09.