

**TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 12, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Trappe Town Hall**

The regular Town meeting was opened by President Cheryl Lewis and called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Walter Chase, Don English and Norm Fegel were present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The June minutes were read and accepted as presented. President Lewis requested that we table the financial statement and present again next month since the adjusted budget had not been put in the computer for comparison.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Lewis swore in members of the various committees that had expired: Members sworn in were Mary Taylor to the Ethics Board, Jeff Beaver and Tom Maddox on the Boca Appeals and Review Board.

**DESIGN GUIDELINE CHANGES FOR LAKESIDE:**

Attorney Booth said that for months the Planning Commission has been working on the Design Guidelines for Lakeside. In February 2006 we adopted the PN and PUD Ordinance for Trappe East District. The Developer worked with the Planning Commission in the subdivision review process. There were some refinements to the design guidelines which were adopted in February, and were then presented to the Planning Commission for review. At the last meeting of the Planning Commission they made a formal recommendation that the Town Council adopt and incorporate into the PUD. There is a printing issue tonight on the first page that identifies the 20 refinements and where they can be found. An Ordinance has been prepared with the changes for introduction approving and adopting the changes. The Town will need to schedule a public hearing and have Mr. Rauch come in and explain the changes at the public hearing.

Mr. Chase questioned that the Ordinance said Trappe East, the Council had voted to change the name to Lakeside. Attorney Booth explained that the name was changed after the Ordinance was adopted. President Lewis asked if we could introduce the ordinance stating the name had been changed and the name change, Trappe East referred to as Lakeside

Motion was made by Com. English to introduce Ordinance 6-2006 Design Guideline Changes for Lakeside with the name changes. Motion was seconded by Com Chase.

Vote:

Lewis – Y

English – Y

Chase – Y

Fegel – Y

Ryan Showalter stated that we will change the title page to read Design Guideline Amendments for Lakeside.

Pubic Hearing is set for Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

President Lewis read Mr. Hall's memorandum for the Amendments for the Planned Neighborhood District Design Guidelines. At their June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, the members of the Planning Commission found that the proposed changes were consistent with the Design Guidelines in the Trappe Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Hall agreed with the Planning Commission's findings. President Lewis stated this means that they have already reviewed and this is the final review for us.

### **ZONING ORDINANCE REFORMAT**

Frank Hall explained that the town did not have a copy of the Zoning Ordinance in the computer. Mr. Hall at the request of the Planning Commission retyped the ordinance and it was proofed many times. The only change to the Zoning Ordinance is paragraphing and internal paragraph references. He explained that the Zoning Ordinance has been broken up into six different titles, Administration, Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, Definitions, Zoning, Floating Zones and Design Guidelines. This allows us that when there is an amendment we have room to add to the new table of contents. We have labeled this so that subsections and amendments can be inserted when needed making it easier to reference, and the table of contents will give us the option now to find everything that we need easier. Mr. Hall stated that the Planning Commission had made a formal recommendation and recommended that Attorney Booth review.

Motion was made by Com. English to have Attorney Booth put in Ordinance Form. Motion was seconded by Com. Fegel.

Vote:

Lewis – Y                      English – Y                      Chase – Y                      Fegel – Y

### **TOWN HALL UPDATE:**

Angela Healy architect for the new town hall explained that she was asking for an approval of the exterior of the building so that we can be ready for the ground breaking. Three color siding samples were presented, a dark blue, dark gray and light turquoise, with samples of the bricks and windows. There was quite a lengthy discussion about the colors with the council and the public. A vote was taken and the majority chose gray for the outside. The brick color was also asked to be considered a softer red instead of orange.

Motion was made by Com. English to accept the gray. Motion seconded by Com. Chase.

Vote:

Lewis – Y                      English -                      Chase –Y                      Fegel - Y

Ms. Healy also asked whether or not the Town wanted the clock bells to ring on the hour? President Lewis said yes with the Council to have the option to turn on or off if wanted. The numbers will be Roman Numerals with the partridge on the front of the clock. The weather van will have an eagle instead of the partridge since the partridge will be on the face of the clock. These issues were discussed by Council and the public and there were no objections to using the eagle for the weather vane.

#### **UPDATE ON MUSEUM – CHARLES ADAMS:**

Mr. Adams gave an update on the Rural Life Museum of Trappe. “We build our future by preserving a past,” was his slogan for the museum. Mr. Adams also stated that with the help of their attorney they would like to become a 501 group C as the bylaws or charter require. There has been a lot of enthusiasm from the community stated Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams stated that he had checked into the Bramble property on Main Street and Mr. Bramble had agreed to sell the property for \$300,000.00. I have talked with the Mid Shore Community Foundation and they felt that we would have no trouble raising the money for the project.

There will be a meeting on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and Mr. Adams invited everyone to attend. Angela Healy has been working with us and we will be working with her with the design and planning. Mr. Adams also said that he wanted to work with the Town and the town zoning, stating that he had already talked with Mr. Hall making sure that there was no conflict with the Town zoning and he felt sure that there was none. Mr. Hall stated that is an incorrect statement. I did not give you an affirmative answer either way. Mr. Hall stated that he would check with the Zoning Administrator and investigate the zoning issue. Mr. Adams said that we need the Town’s permission to renovate there and do whatever else is required by the Town. President Lewis stated that the Zoning probably does not allow anything but residential, but felt that it might be possible to put a municipal building there. Mr. Chase asked why you would say that it cannot be anything other than residential when there was a commercial business there. President Lewis said that it is no longer commercial, it is zoned R-1.

Mr. Hall stated it is a non conforming use since the zoning was changed to R-1, and the zoning was changed in 1974. The non conforming use was discontinued as a single family usage only. President Lewis stated that you will have to go through the process with the Planning Commission and investigate the actual zoning. The Town has already applied for a grant that has not yet been denied for that property. I feel that the Planning Commission might be hesitant to make a decision based on the fact that we have applied for the grant for municipal use. If this was awarded that does not mean that the Town would not be interested in having a museum there, but it does mean that we would be obligated to the grantor to follow some of their rules and usage of the property. Mr. Adams asked if he or his committee could meet with the Planning Commission at a later date after this has been researched.

Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., will be the next meeting. Mr. Dorbin asked do you know where the Mid Shore Community Foundation is planning on getting the funding? Mr. Adams answered that Mr. Graham Lee from the Mid Shore Community Foundation

asked that I get all the names together of interested parties and give to him. Mr. Dorbin said there have been rumors of environmental issues on the property how will this affect the funding? Will the funding for this clean up be included in the funding, and has this been considered. There will be studies done on the soil before purchasing stated Mr. Adams and they were aware of this.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FLOOD PROTECTION INSURANCE:**

President Lewis stated that Town has never been able to participate in the National Flood Insurance program in the incorporated town. The town is not considered to be in the flood area, but rising water from too much rain can cause damage in homes with basements, heat pumps, washers and dryers in their basements etc. All of these things depend on the sump pumps, rising water could cause the pumps to fail and damage many homes. We would like to make it possible for citizens to be able to get flood insurance, and in order to do this we have to be a participant in the National Flood Insurance program. This resolution just allows us to participate in the National Flood program, you cannot get insurance anywhere in the country without belonging to the National Flood Program.

Attorney Booth said that this is a standard form, the title of the resolution is: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CERTAIN FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURES TO JOIN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR A NON-FLOODPRONE COMMUNITY. This is basically a resolution that allows if adopted by the Town citizens in the community to purchase flood insurance. There is some reporting needed to be done by the Federal Law and I feel that if you ever decided to opt out of the program you could just undo the resolution.

Com. Chase asked about paragraph 5 line 2. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Town Council of \_\_\_\_\_ that they will appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as the floodplain coordinator: President Lewis said yes we will have to choose someone as the coordinator. Attorney Booth said we will have to appoint someone like the Zoning Administrator. Take out the word (Mayor and) insert the Town Council of Trappe and put in Zoning Administrator since that is who issues the building permits.

President Lewis said this is a Resolution we can adopt tonight once we assign it a number and introduce with our vote and the changes. We will need to get the application to the Federal Emergency Management in order to be put on the list of people that the flood insurance is available from. This will take some time to get through the process. There is no commitment on the Town it just gives citizens the right to purchase flood insurance.

Attorney Booth said that this resolution will allow citizens to get flood insurance in the Town if adopted.

Motion was made by Com. Chase to adopt Resolution 5-2006 with the corrections of removing the words (**Mayor and**) replacing with Trappe and putting in the Zoning Administrator as floodplain coordinator. Motion was seconded by Com. Fegel.

Vote:

Lewis – Y

English – Y

Chase – Y

Fegel – Y

**REQUEST OF JOHN FOSTER TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY:**

Mr. Foster asked to close off Main Street and Greenfield for the Trappe Fire Company Parade on Saturday. The Council gave permission to close the street.

**GRANTS:**

Mr. Hall stated that there were two grants put in for playground equipment last year. The County put in one for the Old Trappe ball field playground and the Town put in one for the park around Harrison Circle. We have both supported each other with letters supporting the grants. The County received the grant for \$150,000.00 for improvements of our new playground next to the Episcopal Church. They plan to start the project in September or October.

President Lewis announced that we have a caterer in town now on north Main Street called Garden & Garnish. They have just had their ribbon cutting and Talbot and Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce were both there. This is economic development and I just wanted to share this tonight. Mitchum's Restaurant is now being built which will open sometime next year.

Co. Chase asked Mr. Rocks when they would start breaking ground for the new development. Mr. Rocks stated very soon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

July 19, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Trappe Fire Company Fair  
Parade will be July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Special Trash Pickup

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Joedy Cecil, Town Clerk

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Approved by: Cheryl Lewis, President