Town of Chebeague Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Oct 18, 2007, 7:15 pm at the Hall

Members Present: Tom Adams, Sam Birkett, Ernie Burgess, Mabel Doughty, Jane Frizzell, Beth Howe (Chair) and Tad Runge

Next meeting Nov. 15, 2007

Minutes of September 20 were approved unanimously. Tad Runge moved, Jane Frizzell seconded

Beth Howe reported that the Selectmen did not establish long range planning committee at their meeting last night (Oct 17), because of their uncompleted agenda, but will take it up next Wednesday, Oct. 24. Thea Youngs and Beth Howe have been collecting data needed for plan. Thea and Beth also attended a workshop on GIS and open space planning, and found it a valuable experience. Beth has spoken to Herb Maine, who plans to propose that the Comprehensive Planning Committee have an executive committee, and then members of sub-committee. Ernie asked if someone should volunteer to attend the Coastal waters committee, Beth hopes that someone from the CWC will join the planning committee. Mabel asked about wetland maps. Beth said that they have data from NWI, and hope to combine it with existing map done by Sylvia Ross and Mabel Doughty.

Beth asked if the Administrative Procedures should be read through, and asked if others had recommendations for changes. Tad Runge said that the criteria for approval of site plans and subdivisions were more philosophically focused on Mainland as opposed to Chebeague, in bureaucracy etc. Beth stated that the town would prefer to only have the Board’s Administrative Procedures be distributed, but that Cumberland distributed the decision criteria as well. Tom suggested giving criteria to the applicant when giving the application and giving the procedures later. Beth said she would strike decision criteria from procedures because they would be distributed with the application. Tom suggested that instead of striking it there, a later section be changed to say that they will be attached to the application. Jane Frizzell moved for acceptance, Sam Birkett seconded, adopted unanimously.

Mabel Doughty asked about future issues for the Planning Board. Beth brought up that town is working with golf course to work on parking issues near the stone-wharf. If it is designated as a new parking lot it will come to the planning board, but if it only involves earth moving, it will simply be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer. There is a proposition that Code Enforcement Officer give permission to move dirt before frost, while allowing site plan to be approved by board in November.
Jane Frizzell asked about who would design a survey for the comprehensive plan. Beth suggested that it would work in a similar manner to the former plan, that a consultant would not design survey but could help with distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea Youngs