

**MINUTES OF A “SPECIAL” MEETING OF THE NORTH BARRINGTON PLAN
COMMISSION MEETING WHICH WAS HELD MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010 AT THE
NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL, 111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD, IN SAID
VILLAGE**

This “Special” Meeting of the plan Commission was called by the Vice Chairman, pursuant to proper notice.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:56 P.M. Vice Chairman Bill Bishop called the meeting to order and the Deputy Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Vice Chairman Bill Bishop, Martin Pais, Janis Menges, Denis Taillon, David Wilford
Absent: Chairman Dan Nass
Also Present: Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite
Vince Geisler, Intern with Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite
Mark Kolar, Village Trustee
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

2. Public Hearing

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

At 7:34 P.M. Vice Chairman Bill Bishop called the “continued” public hearing to order and the Deputy Clerk called the roll:

Present in Person: Vice Chairman Bill Bishop, Janis Menges, Martin Pais, Denis Taillon, David Wilford
Absent: Chairman Dan Nass
Also Present: Village Attorney J. W. Braithwaite
Vince Geisler, Intern with Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite
Mark Kolar, Village Trustee
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

B. Legal Notice

Vice Chairman Bishop to this date requested that a copy of the published notice of the public hearing be incorporated into record. Village Attorney J. W. Braithwaite noted that the public hearing was continued from July 12, 2010 by Plan Commission Member Pais due to lack of a quorum.

C. Amendment to Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Taillon asked about the language in the draft pertaining to Village entryways and major roads. He wanted to know if it would make it easier for the Village to exit lanes in the future, and used the examples such as the intersection of Route 22 and Honey Lake Road, Signal Hill Road and Miller Road. He stated that the issue had been discussed in the past and was curious if the language in the Draft would allow the issue to be re-addressed in the future. Village Attorney J. W. Braithwaite stated that the language was deliberately broad in order to be applied from time to time as needed. The purpose of the amendment is to allow for beautification at entryways. The Village expects to acquire a piece of property at the southeast corner of Miller Road and Route 59. The landowners want to donate this parcel of property, and the Village would like to have the amendment in place when that happens. Vice Chairman Bishop asked Mr. Taillon if his question was leading to safety issues in addition to beautification. Mr. Taillon stated that, in his opinion, the exit lanes would be safety issues.

Ms. Menges asked if the amendment dealt with the placement of signage or marquis. Mr. Wilford asked if this was meant to stop commercial encroachment. Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite stated that the amendment would be in the best interest of the Village to control entryways against any possible encroachment, including commercial buildings and residential homes that are located too close to the road, etc. Vice Chairman Bishop asked if the language, since it is purposely broad, provides for issues of concern to the Commission, such as safety and commercial encroachment. Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite stated that the language indirectly provides for commercial issues, but it would be beneficial to add some language to directly deal with safety. Mr. Wilford stated that additional language would be beneficial since it seems solely focused on aesthetics. Ms. Menges suggested a small expansion of the language to include safety that could be used at a later date. Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite suggested adding the words “and, in addition, enhancing public safety where appropriate” at the end of the amendment. The amendment would then read “Maintain attractive entryways to the Village on major roads and in furtherance thereof acquiring fee title or other interest in property to the extent feasible, thus assisting in the preservation of the countryside atmosphere of the Village, while protecting against commercial or other development that might affect the overall appearance of the Village, and, in addition, enhancing public safety where appropriate.”

Mr. Pais asked if the Village obtains land in the future, who decides what is to be done with it. Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite stated that the donated parcel would remain as open space due to specific verbiage in the agreement for acquisition. Mr. Pais stated that he raised this issue because it was mentioned in previous notes that the Village was running short on income and perhaps a parcel of acquired land could be used for income gaining purposes. He also stated that in previous Plan Commission meetings they had discussed the possibility of contacting people on the corner of Miller Road and Route 12 to create businesses that would generate income and still look clean. Trustee Kolar stated that the purpose of that discussion was to establish and maintain an isolated corporate corridor so that it wouldn't extend elsewhere and would not expect to involve Village property ownership.

Vice Chairman Bishop asked if persons donating land to the Village would be able to have a say in how the land could be used. Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite stated that the Village would

5. New/Old Business

New Business

Vice Chairman Bill Bishop informed the Commission that Chairman Dan Nass has resigned. The Commission would like to thank Chairman Nass for his devotion to the Commission over the years as a Commission member, a Vice Chairman, and a Chairman.

The Commission discussed ideas on finding new members for the Commission. Ms. Menges suggested finding a volunteer from the Wynstone area. Since the Wynstone area is such a large part of the Village and the Commission doesn't currently have a representative from that area she thought it would be a good idea. The Commission agreed and Vice Chairman Bishop stated that he will ask Village Trustee Camille Koertner and Village President Bruce Sauer for suggestions since they both live in that area. Vice Chairman Bishop stated that if anyone had any additional suggestions for Commission members to email him with their names and contact information.

Mr. Pais recommended that Vice Chairman Bill Bishop be appointed as Chairman of the Commission and that Commission Member David Wilford be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Commission. Both Vice Chairman Bishop and Mr. Wilford said that they would accept these roles. Trustee Kolar stated that he would bring these recommendations forward to the Village President.

Ms. Menges questioned the publication of the Public Hearing Notice. There was some discussion. Trustee Kolar stated that he would ask Village Attorney J.W. Braithwaite about the circumstances for the publication.

Old Business

Mr. Taillon reminded the Commission that they heard a Dark Sky Presentation about a year and a half ago. He stated that Barrington Hills was meeting about their lighting ordinance and that it has been a topic of great interest for them. Mr. Pais stated that our Village's lighting ordinance was pretty good, and if expanded just a little would fit the parameters to be considered a Dark Sky community. Ms. Menges stated that it would be worth tabling for a few months to see the outcome in Barrington Hills. She also stated that it would be useful to put some broad parameters of the Dark Sky campaign in the next newsletter that the Village sends, so that people will become acquainted with the campaign and the regulations it enforces.

Trustee Kolar informed the Commission that roadwork on Miller Road will be taking place in the future. He stated that it is going to be a big project and that the Village is working on ways to prevent cut through traffic on Biltmore roads.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Janis Menges moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Dennis Taillon.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 8:20 pm, Vice Chairman Bill Bishop declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Plan Commission Meeting held September 13, 2010.

ATTEST:

Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk