

**Town of Hopkinton
Land Use Planning Committee
Meeting Notes**

September 28, 2005

Present: Andy Branz, Nancy Peters, Brian Morrison, Mavis O'Leary, Liisa Jackson, John Coolidge, Eric Sonnett, Stuart Cowart, Finley Perry, Larry Faiman.
John Knowles, Beth Rohlf, Muriel Kramer, Mr. McDowell

1. Minutes of September 14th approved. Minutes of August 3rd approved.
2. Report on check of references on KSS, Green, and Erickson. Hard to find much data on KSS. Erickson reviews were mixed. Their business model tends to be inflexible. Green history in numerous iterations predominantly, and remarkably, favorable.
3. Discussion of visit to Pine Hills. Generally positive reaction from all present. Remarkably dense development delivered in attractive setting. Almost defies belief. Too good to be true? Build out not yet complete. Can attractiveness be sustained at build-out?
4. Discussion on responses to letters and other contacts with the Committee. Policy to be:
 - All contacts to get a response, regardless of source.
 - Letters to individual committee members to be acknowledged by the individual, and referred to the committee as a whole for substantive response from the Chair.
 - All substantive responses to be based on Committee positions as discussed and agreed to in regular session.
5. Discussion of Community Garden and Heritage Breeds proposals. General sense is that these proposers deserve a hearing at an appropriate time. Chair to contact these groups for further discussion prior to any presentation to the entire Committee.
6. Discussion of available funds to continue our contract with Community Opportunities Group, Inc. John Coolidge, Eric Sonnett to coordinate with Judi Barrett and Ted Kozak on projecting time needed in the future, and funds available to pay for the needed time.

7. Terry property sale reviewed.
 - Elaine Lazarus discussed issues from a planning perspective.
 - Brian Morrison presented a map prepared by Judi Barrett showing a property outline, wetlands, endangered species, and water resources.
 - Larry Faiman discussed the crafting of a response to the offering.
 - General sense was that we would not recommend to the Selectmen that the Town exercise it's right. Rather, we should respond that we will "pass" on the current offer, while reserving our right to re-enter the deal if the terms change. Mr. Faiman will draft a response for the Committee's approval

8. Next meeting scheduled for October 26th at Town Hall at 7:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Finley Perry
Chairman