

CPIC Minutes - September 8, 2012

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC)
Meeting of 8 September 2012

Attendees: Chris Hamilton, Mark Hochman, Lewis Lloyd, Kemon Taschioglou, Peter Sugar

We discussed the following:

1. Minutes: the minutes of the 6/26 meeting were approved: unanimous
2. We turned to an issue which, if not specifically referred to, is definitely implied by the Comprehensive Long Range Plan – the habit of most boards and committees to work in silos and not involving other boards/committees in topics of mutual interest. What prompted the discussion was the intended demolition of the Smith School by the School Committee as part of the planned renovations at the schools.
3. There are a number of questions raised by the intended demolition – for one the concern of the Historic Commission as to whether the building should be declared as one of historic interest (we believe that the HC will indeed do so in the near future).
4. Several parties may have an interest in such a discussion: Selectmen, Schools, HC and potentially the committee who has been looking at the question of a community center for the Town. (An additional question not specifically determined was whether the Planning Board ought also to be involved.) The discussion should take place prior to the special Town Meeting in November when a decision will be made on the final plans for the new/renovated school.
5. Such a discussion ought to be led by the BOS. We agreed that our committee should push for such a discussion and PS will first contact Peter Braun to get his views on this idea.
6. We then started a discussion about the relevance of the CPIC. We have gone down several avenues of investigation during the past year or so, without reaching any definitive conclusions, without any follow-up and are therefore wondering whether we were having any effect at all on the work of the various boards/committees – as far as their work specifically relates to the CLRP tasks. While the Planning Board has acknowledged that they see a usefulness in what we are doing, there is some question in our minds as to whether this is really the case.
7. This is likely to be a longer discussion and we will set aside another meeting to explore the question.
8. We touched on the South Lincoln development and our concern that any residential development needs to have a retail component. Kemon agreed to contact Walter Salmon, who has extensive expertise on such a topic and see whether he may be interested in coming to Lincoln and talking about retail and related issues.
9. Re: South Lincoln, PS will get in touch with Chris Reilly to enquire about the next (quarterly) meeting of the Land Use Chairs.

Our next meeting will be on 4 October at 8:00 AM at the Library.