



CITY OF DOVER

PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, February 24, 2009**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Cole, Frank Torr, Marcia Colbath, Kirt Schuman, Doug Steele, Don Andolina, Dean Trefethen, Perry Plummer

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT: John Swartzendruber

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Merullo

ALTERNATE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Stock

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird, City Planner and Jennifer Bretz, Planning Secretary

Workshop called to order at 6:09pm.

1. Discussion and presentation regarding Form Based Code

Steve Bird stated that through the bid process they received 4 qualified bids. Jeff Taylor and Associates was chosen. Jeff Taylor and Steve Whitman are present to give an update of what's been done to date and what will be happening.

Jeff Taylor presented a slide show on form based code.

Taylor explained that the Form Based Code (FBC) is a method of regulating land use which places more emphasis on community character and the impact development has on the public realm than traditional zoning does.

In October, stakeholders (downtown landowners, citizens and professionals in the development community) were interviewed to start the information gathering process. In November, two Charrettes were held. The Charrettes produced concept drawings based upon feedback and guidance.

Plummer had questions regarding redevelopment.

Whitman proceeded to go over a packet that was handed out that provided examples of the code for each district.

Trefethen asked about using stories as a source of measurement.

Discussion ensued regarding shop front awning and the Smart Code Handbook.

Trefethen asked if there were any other communities contemplating Form Based Code?

Taylor stated the town of Stratham is considering it.

Taylor stated that they hope to present the amendments to the Planning Board in late April or early May.

Presentation ended at 6:52pm.