

POPE LAND DESIGN COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 – 10:00AM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Lisa McAuliffe, Vivian Garfein, Ray McGuire, Tim Sinclair, Abeth Slotnick and Curtis Rand.

2. Discussion: Draft Report from the PLDC to the BOS
R. McGuire asked if the PLDC should continue; V. Garfein and A. Slotnick expressed that it should. L. McAuliffe was not sure if this Committee should continue and suggested that perhaps Housing should take on those efforts; the Recreation Commission should get going on the recreation part of it. R. McGuire asked who would be responsible for the housing; A. Slotnick commented that they are not at a point to hand off things to Housing, as there is no master plan yet. V. Garfein agreed and mentioned there are other issues to resolve. R. McGuire commented that Concept 6 may need to be modified. L. McGuire expressed that there are unknown answers, but there are time constraints on major recreation projects which can't wait and need to move forward, such as replacing the basketball court and the infrastructure on Community Field needs to move which would eliminate an athletic field; V. Garfein suggested tackling those issues now. R. McGuire suggested getting in front of the Wood Turtle issue before the end of the year and acknowledging pressing needs. L. McGuire asked C. Rand about resolving the Wood Turtle issue; C. Rand will pursue it with DEEP. R. McGuire commented that they don't have to resolve the PLDC existence; the BOS can make a decision on that. L. McAuliffe commented that if the PLDC stays intact, the draft expansion proposal will slow it down and suggested getting P&Z involvement. A. Slotnick suggested that a pressing need is moving Recreation forward. V. Garfein commented that the pressing need is getting the Wood Turtle issue resolved. R. McGuire suggested keeping the PLDC intact and moving on the other 2 issues. A. Slotnick wants to have a traffic study; C. Rand wants a professional person to select the traffic study people and is not sure if they have the right consultant. V. Garfein suggested going to the Town with this general plan; R. McGuire agreed. There was further lengthy discussion about possibly adding other people to the PLDC. C. Rand commented that he does not want to spend a lot of money on a traffic study and wants to hear what others want as alternatives. T. Sinclair expressed that the #1 issue is the Wood Turtles. There were differing thoughts on P&Z involvement. C. Rand expressed that PLDC members should only wear one hat, with no overlap on other Commissions; V. Garfein offered that she can lend expertise, but not vote; she can recuse herself. R. McGuire will re-draft the recommendations to the BOS.

3. Public Comment
 - George Massey agreed that the Wood Turtle is the issue to be resolved, and then form a new Committee just about housing.

- Jon Ezrow had questions including: if residents would be screened with criminal background checks; will residents pay normal property taxes; how many units; how many children; would the increased school demand increase the mill rate; and if criminals would be evicted. R. McGuire commented that the Town will decide the risk; A. Slotnick suggested contacting Peter Halle at the Salisbury Housing Committee website.

4. Adjournment. So Moved by V. Garfein, seconded by A. Slotnick, **With All in Favor.**

The October 2024 meeting will be re-scheduled.