

Kelley's Corner Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes – 24 February 2016

These are the meeting minutes from the Kelley's Corner Steering Committee of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 24 February 2016 in the Land Use Conference Room (Room 9) at the Acton Town Hall.

Present: Andrew Brockway, Eric Solomon, Larry Kenah, Margaret Busse, Peter Darlow

Not Present: J D Head, Jeff Clymer

Board of
Selectmen:

Planning
Department:

Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 pm by Andy Brockway.

This meeting took place following the Planning Board Public Hearing to address proposed zoning changes for Kelley's Corner.

Planning Board Public Hearing

Roland Bartl presented the proposed zoning changes to the Planning Board (PB) and to members of the public who attended the hearing. The KCSC members left the hearing for this meeting when the PB moved on to other business. We learned later in the evening that the PB voted to support the proposed zoning changes.

Outreach Efforts

Andy Brockway will meet with the school committee at one of their March meetings, either 3 March or 17 March. We will invite members of the various PTSOs to attend that same school committee meeting.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) has scheduled its regular prep-for-town-meeting meeting on 30 March. KCSC members will attend that meeting and then meet as a committee afterwards.

The two articles dealing with Kelley's Corner (zoning changes and funding for the 100% engineering plan) are the big ticket items for town meeting.

We suggested using the Constant Contact email list for two more reminders.

- LWV meeting on 30 March
- Spring town meeting

We had a brief conversation about how to present the articles at town meeting. In particular, we tried to address the general question about why we made some of the choices that we did. Two themes emerged.

- We were guided by public forums in recent years about what people were looking for in Kelley's Corner. We are trying to deliver what people want.
- We would like to provide incentives to developers who propose projects that deliver on these same goals.

We also spent a few minutes addressing the connections between the two articles. What would be the results if only one article (either one) passed while the other article did not obtain a two thirds vote? We reached no conclusions.

Next Meetings

- 9 March – The committee will hold a regular meeting. Larry Kenah will not attend this meeting.
- 30 March – The committee will meet following the LWV meeting.

Margaret Busse mentioned that she would visit the Discovery Museums on Friday, 26 February, to describe the proposed changes in Kelley's Corner. Larry Kenah said that he would join Margaret for this meeting.

In Closing

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm.

These minutes were recorded by Lawrence J Kenah.