

**Minutes of the joint meeting of the
RTM Long Range Planning & P&Z Committees
April 30, 2013
Town Hall Room 309, 7:30 pm**

LRP Committee

Present: Jonathan Cunitz (Chair), Wendy Batteau, Allen Bomes, Matthew Mandel,
Velma Heller, Dewey Loselle, Lois Schine, Carla Rea

Absent: Jack Klinge

Also in attendance: Members of the RTM P&Z Committee, Members of the Downtown 2020 Committee and members of the public.

Agenda: Presentation of the status of the Downtown 2020 project

Lou Gagliano began the presentation with an overview of the mission of the Downtown 2020 Committee, followed by presentations by other members of the committee. Ken Bernard discussed the history of planning for the downtown area over the past decade, Dan Kail then described the objectives of the project and the RFP process. Bob Jacobs spoke about the numerous individual projects either underway or expected during the next 5-10 years. Gerry Kagan described the need for a base line traffic study to be used to measure the impact of individual or combined developments and how to use the town's land to obtain concessions from developers and provide a return to the town. It was pointed out that over half of the land in the downtown area is owned by the town and provides little dollar income at present. By now many of the priorities for the downtown have been identified but there is a need for a professional plan for putting them together in a complementary manner.

Numerous proposals were received in response to the RFP and the bidders have been narrowed to five with fees in the \$170,000 to \$200,000 range. The Downtown 2020 Committee hopes to meet on May 9th with members of the P&Z Commission to reach an agreement on moving forward with the planning process.

Members of both RTM committees and the public had an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the project.

The meeting concluded with Jonathan Cunitz providing a summary of recent meetings of the Baron's South Committee and the letter being sent on April 30th to the two remaining bidders that narrows the parameters being considered for the development.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Cunitz, reporter