

July 22, 2015

**RIDGELY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

The July 22, 2015 meeting of the Ridgely Planning Commission was called to order by Martin Sokolich @ 7:00pm.

Attendance: Committee President: Martin Sokolich, Committee Member: Rob McQuade and Committee Member: Dale Mumford. Also in attendance were: Melissa Leonard – Asst. Clerk Treasurer, and Rick & Cathy Schwab. ***Rob made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from both May 27, 2015 and June 24, 2015. All were in favor!***

Old Business

NONE

New Business

RIDGELY HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The Ridgely Historical Society want to hold open meetings beginning next month at 6:30pm, just before the Planning & Zoning meetings. They are in the process of moving forward in their grant process where they need to have the communities input. They believe this will give them the best chance for reaching out, without having to schedule another day. They presented the current plans for the railroad station. The plan is to get the permission needed to “Bid Work” by November 15th of this year. Their plan is to tear away the cement ramp that is currently there on the front and move it to the side. Originally, they were going to do three sides, but that doesn’t work. The leveling would be off. A brick walkway would be on the left side as a path from Railroad Ave. to Bell St. RHS has been unsuccessful in locating any original plans showing our railroad lines. The architect is still trying to locate, but is having a hard time. A lot of the railroads that were running back then, have been sold and are no longer around. The plan is to recreate what the station may have looked like at that time. There will be a disclaimer posted inside that reads, this is a replica of what is believed to be – not actual replica. RHS wants to give people the opportunity to add/change the plans if someone doesn’t agree. It will also be an interpretive center/community room. The building is scheduled to be completed by the Town’s 150th birthday in May 2017. Currently, not sure if all of the outfitting will be done by then as well.

Reports and Updates

NONE

Open Discussion

NONE

***Next Meeting Scheduled for August 26, 2015 @ 7:00pm – if needed
Meeting adjourned @ 8:00pm***

Respectfully Submitted by Melissa Leonard – Asst. Clerk Treasurer