

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
1 OCTOBER 2001

Present: Chairman Mayor John P. Prall
 Deputy Mayor Donald E. Clarke
 Councillor Bruce H. Morse
 Councillor Gary W. Whittier
 Councillor Michael E. Trinacty
 Councillor Thomas S. Banks
 Councillor J. Richard Horsburgh
 Ms. Linda Parker, Chief Administrative Officer
 Mrs. Rachel Turner, Recording Secretary

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. **Permitted Uses in A1 Zone – Fur Farming**

Mayor Prall reported that there has been a suggestion that Mr. Dave Filmore, who purchased Hector Pottie's property at the end of Willow Avenue, may be interested in starting a mink ranch on that site. Due to this information, it seems an appropriate time to review the Land Use Bylaw with respect to keeping livestock within Town boundaries and the existence of agricultural land and its related uses. In the past there have been livestock kept in Town, such as goats, horses and cattle, with uses varying from hobby farm, farming as a livelihood, and recreational purposes. It was noted that an application for a development permit to begin fur farming has not yet been received by the Town, although Mr. Filmore would have a legal right at this time to proceed with such an endeavor under the current Land Use Bylaw.

Deputy Mayor Clarke declared a conflict of interest due to his family relation to Mr. Filmore's wife and left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Ms. Parker reported on Mr. Millier's comments regarding applications to develop property, confirming that the current situation would allow for a fur farm on that property. During consultation with Mr. McInroy, it was noted that to try to change the Bylaw and fast track such an issue would be difficult to defend in court. If there were a public outcry to the implementation of a fur farm on Willow Avenue, the only recourse would be civil action between residents.

It was noted that, although this is an item for discussion at the Planning Advisory Committee level, Council as a whole should review the issue and discuss the Municipal Planning Strategy for the purpose of determining the future vision of the Town. There may be a number of things that can be done to help shape the vision of the Town.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded to refer to the Planning Advisory Committee to begin the process of reviewing the permitted uses in an Agricultural (A-1) Zone.

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Discussion followed suggesting that all Councillors may wish to attend PAC meetings to provide input on this issue prior to coming forward to Council for approval. Some of the legal implications were noted, such that any proposed changes to the Bylaw could halt new applications for development of this type in the future. It was agreed that Mayor Prall would approach Mr. Filmore to determine what use he intends for his property.

Motion Carried

3. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

John P. Prall
Chairman

Rachel L. Turner
Recording Secretary