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Andrea,

Can you please send this to the whole council and to the planning commission? And post on town website. Thanks.

Who's on first? Modified from letter sent to town on Sept 2.

I just reviewed the recording of the meeting of the 8/16 planning commission. I did so because Michael keeps telling me that my code submissions are for the 2023 cycle which I knew. . However we were told at the planning commission meeting that we should submit code ideas before the September 20 meeting. September is part of the 2022 cycle. October is starts of the 2023 cycle. Why were we told that we have ideas ready prior to the September meeting. That may have been meant well but....

And Michael and apparently also Scott are now on vacation.

The recording (8/16)clearly shows that I was merely asking for how this process would work. I was not demanding anything.

It is clear from that recording that the public was told to have everything submitted ahead of time ahead for the September 20 meeting. Michael watched the process and said nothing - until days later when he told the paper that there was a misunderstanding by the planning commission.

I also asked at that meeting if we could move that process to October. And although October is the beginning of the new cycle, there was no answer to my request for October.

And to further complicate the situation, Scott wrote this to a member of the public:

Code suggestion submittal. The town's practice has been to consider amendments to the comp plan and municipal code on an annual basis (the Growth Management Act prohibits cities and towns from amending their comp plans any more often than once each year.) During the first week of December, the town advertises a 60-day period during which it will accept public proposals to amend the comprehensive plan and/or the municipal code. At a recent Planning Commission meeting, a complaint was made that this is a busy period, and not everyone would be able to easily respond during December and January. We are therefore considering extending this period by advertising a 90-day period that would begin during the first week of November.

So there you go. No announcements. No press releases. We have the planner saying September of the wrong cycle, no one saying October, Scott saying that they are considering November, and December given in the code.

Who's on first?

(Parenthetically, stick with the pc recording and you will see an interesting PC discussion of how you can make money while undermining the hotels and bed and breakfasts in town. They don't say it like that but that would be the effect of the short term language code change.).

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The only real job of a public official is to make their grandchildren proud. That's called vision.....

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