



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 20, 2006

Casey

Present: Acting Chairman Dennis Casey, Commissioners Karen Scott and Jake Donohue

Guests: Mona Green

Deputy Town Clerk: Betsy Donworth

Acting Chairman Clemett called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Commissioner Casey moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Minor Structural Elements in Setbacks: Commissioner Casey reported on his presentation at the March Town Council meeting regarding minor structural elements in setbacks. He explained to the Town Council that the Planning Commission agreed to propose a change to the Town zoning code to allow the intrusion – up to 18” - of eaves and chimneys into property setbacks, adding that it is not the intent of the Planning Commission that setbacks be changed or the enforcement of setbacks relaxed. Concerns expressed by Councilmembers were that the size and use of a chimney need to be defined – this would be necessary in order to avoid an excessive intrusion or inappropriate use of chimneys – such as for cooking. Councilmembers also felt that intrusions should be allowed only when there is an adequate existing setback. Councilmembers felt positive about allowing eaves in the setbacks, feeling that they would enhance the architecture as well as protect a home’s façade.

It was agreed that Planner Green will bring examples of legislation from other jurisdictions dealing minor structural elements in the setbacks to the next Planning Commission meeting.

Adjourn: Acting Chairman Casey moved to adjourn. Commissioner Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Donworth
Deputy Town Clerk