

Planning Board
Minutes
August 28, 2008

The Planning Board meeting convened at 6:35PM with the following members present: John MacMillan, Chairman; Joseph Kalagher; Bruce Whitney, Tom Ruble, and Town Planner Eric Smith. William Nolan was absent.

Agenda read by Chairman MacMillan.

Minutes of the August 14, 2008 Planning Board Meeting were approved, with changes, on motion by Kalagher with a second by Ruble. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Chairman Comments:

- Lakeview Estates Update – Fire Cistern 95% complete.
- Tuesday September 2, 2008 there will be a tour of the new Public Safety Building at 6:00PM for Town Planner and members of Planning Board. Reviewed conditions from the May 25, 2007 review.
- Chairman MacMillan, on behalf of the Planning Board, will send letter to owner of the Westminster Street Common Driveway Special Permit notifying that his two years are up.

7:00 PM – Open Discussion

- Stodge Meadow residents present to get an update on happenings at Lakeview Estates. Chairman MacMillan and Town Planner, Eric Smith, updated activity relating to the cistern, paving, and other activity.

Town Planner Comments

- Deadline for Fall Town Meeting Warrant is September, 12, 2008. Two wind energy and revised OSRD to be presented.
- Eric updated Board on free Total Document and Information Management Workshop he attended and reviewed available software.
- Eric reviewed Town Planner Report highlighting work from July 24, 2008 to August 27, 2008. Report on file in PB office.

7:30 PM – Public Hearing – Scenic Road Permit Application – Ashburnham Department of Public Works

- Motion by Chairman MacMillan to postpone hearing until Town Planner completes his report.
- Chairman MacMillan reopened hearing at 7:45PM. No one present for hearing. Motion to waive reading of hearing notice by Chairman, 2nd by Ruble, carried 4 to 0.
- Motion by Chairman MacMillan, 2nd by Whitney, to allow the Town to do routine maintenance of cutting brush no greater than 3 inches in diameter and no disturbing stone walls within Town right of way. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- A motion was made and seconded to waive Section 3.2 (Certified Abutters List), Section 5 (Application Fees), and 8.1B (Signs). Carried 4 to 0.

- No comments from any Town Departments.
- Motion to close hearing by Whitney, 2nd by Ruble, carried 4 to 0.

8:00 PM - Wind Energy Discussion

- Continued discussions on proposed wind energy Zoning By-Laws.
- Comments for Large Wind Energy
 - o DPW Director had no comments.
 - o Municipal Light Manager, Stan Herriott, comments on clarification of Mt. Watatic change.
 - o Mark Carlisle had questions about roof top turbines.
- Small Wind Energy Systems – Section 5.18
 - o Reviewed Section 5.18 and commented on notes and changes.
- A motion by Chairman MacMillan, 2nd by Ruble, to submit Section 5.17 and 5.18 for Town Warrant by September 12, 2008, carried 4 to 0.

Correspondence

- Reviewed various miscellaneous correspondence
- ZBA appeal application for 11 Log Cabin Road for demolition of existing cabin and construction of a permanent residence. Chairman MacMillan commented it may or may not meet the LID requirements.
- Reviewed potential zoning update concerning access across street frontage.

Next PB meeting will be September 18, 2008.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM.

Respectively submitted,

Bruce Whitney - Clerk