

Board of Selectmen
November 13, 2013
Minutes

Members present: Jeanne Pryor, Angela Hilton, William Elovirta

Others Present: Ed Gibson, Bill Girard

3:36 PM Jeanne called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed possible changes to the "Street Rules and Regulations" which govern the traffic flow at the intersection of County and Yokum Pond Roads. Briefly discussed the signage that is currently in place by the intersection. Ed suggested that a reflective insert be added to the poles of the yield signs so it is much more noticeable. Ed also suggested that a solar powered flashing light be added to the yield signs if this is something that can be done. He will check with Chris Bouchard about whether there is such a thing. Ed advised that the change in the road striping is correct but he wished Chris Bouchard would have come to him before he changed this. Bill motioned effective December 2, 2013 that a yield sign be installed on the eastbound lane of County Road at the Yokum Pond Road intersection and a yield ahead sign be installed prior to the yield sign in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control, Angela seconded. All in favor. Bill motioned effective December 2, 2013 that the existing yield sign and yield ahead signs on Yokum Pond Road at County Road be removed, Angela seconded. All in favor. Ed will have Chris Bouchard install "Intersection Ahead" sign on County Road. Ed will ask Chris Bouchard to request that in the spring a traffic count be done in this area. Ed will draft a letter to Will Rodgers regarding the change in signage at the intersection.

The Board reviewed the Variance Application from the ZBA to construct a two car garage within 10' from side setback and 15' from the front setback on property located at 186 Greenwater Drive. The Board feels the ZBA should consider minimizing the detrimental effect on the abutters. Ed feels the setbacks should not be less than the existing buildings are now. The Board would like the ZBA to consider minimizing the impact to the abutters property by not allowing the setbacks to be less than what they are now on the house and barn located on the property. Ed will draft a letter to the ZBA stating the Board's concerns.

The Board discussed the application for Site Plan review from the ZBA for maintenance garage/shop/office space at YMCA Camp located at 748 Hamilton Road. The Board will not be commenting to the Zoning Board of Appeals on this application because they do not feel there is an issue with it..

The Board reviewed the letter of resignation from Robert Gorden from the Historical Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Preservation Commission and Town Meeting Bylaw Review Committee. Ed advised that he spoke with Rob about his resignations and was told that his intention was to resign from the ZBA, CPC and TMBRC effective immediately and the Historical Commission effective December 31, 2013. Bill motioned to accept Robert Gorden's resignation from the Historical Commission effective December 31, 2013 and the Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Preservation Commission and Town Meeting Bylaw Review Committee effective immediately, Angela seconded. All in favor. The Board signed a letter of thanks to Rob for his service to the town.

Jeanne asked if the Board ever voted to approve the Appointment Application. The minutes will need to be reviewed to see if this was ever voted on.

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Briefly discussed the Community Innovation Challenge Grant for the Board of Health online permitting software module. Bill motioned to allow Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to include the Town of Becket in the Community Innovation Challenge Grant for the Board of Health online permitting software module, Angela seconded. All in favor.

Any other business: The Board discussed the incident that took place today at town hall. Bob Ronzio and Bill Girard had a confrontation about Mr. Ronzio being loud and disrupting the employees at town hall. The Board had previously sent Mr. Ronzio a letter stating that he should only be coming into town hall when he had official business and he should not interfere with the employees who are trying to work. They asked him to minimize the time he spent in town hall doing business but he is constantly here and disrupts the office because he is so loud. Bill feels Bill Girard had every right to ask him to go into another room while speaking on his cell phone because he was being so loud. Jeanne is concerned about Heather because she is constantly being interrupted while she is trying to do her work. She has spoken with Ed about moving Heather to a room that is more private so she is interrupted less. Ed will bring Mr. Ronzio in to his office and will also write him a letter about his disruptive behavior.

Bill advised that the Department of Public Safety has a new regulation that took effect on November 8, 2013 that requires anyone who has a Hydraulics License to complete continued education in order to renew their hydraulics licenses. He advised that he along with members of the Berkshire County Highway Association had no idea that this regulation was passed. Ed advised that the State changed the Massachusetts Procurement Laws and he only found out because Kopelman & Paige sent out a news blast about it.

Jeanne advised that our Animal Control Bylaw needs to be updated. She also advised that the animal control officer needs to take training to continue as the ACO. The ACO should be following MGL and should be submitting certain forms to the town clerk but she does not think he is doing that.

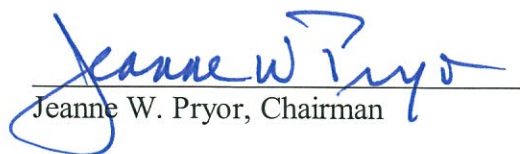
Briefly discussed Material Safety Data Sheets.

Angela advised that she was approached by a man who lives on Hopkins Lane who is complaining about his neighbors. Briefly discussed the issue and how the Board of Health has been handling it.

4:50 PM Angela motioned to adjourn, Bill seconded. All in favor.

Reviewed payroll/expense warrants.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Weiler, Secretary


Jeanne W. Pryor, Chairman

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Documents discussed at meeting:

- Letters and emails regarding traffic flow at the intersection of County and Yokum Pond Roads.
- Variance Application from the Zoning Board of Appeals to construct a 2 car garage on property located at 186 Greenwater Drive
- Application for a Site Plan review from the Zoning Board of Appeals for maintenance garage/shop/office space at YMCA Camp located at 748 Hamilton Road
- Letter of resignation from Robert Gorden from the Historical Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting Bylaw Review Committee
- Community Innovation Challenge Grant Application for the Board of Health online permitting software module