



BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

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Meeting Minutes June 28, 2012

MEETING LOCATION: ARCAND MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL CENTER

Present at the Meeting

Patricia M. Buckley (PMB), Chairman
Glenn C. Wojcik (GCW), Vice Chairman
Peter M. Morelli (PMM)
Roger H. Oakley (RHO)
Peter Pappas (PP), Secretary

Other Officials:

Stacey J. Wetstein (SJW), Town Planner
Jean Keyes (JK), Planning Board Coordinator

PMB opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

GCW: Motion to sign the Decision to approve the 176 Mechanic Street Development Plan.

PP: Second.

Vote: Carried 5-0. (PMB, GCW, PMM, RHO, PP)

Informal discussion with candidates for the Associate position on the Planning Board:

PMB greets the three candidates interviewing for the Associate Planning Board position: Andrew Greene, Peter Gabrielle, and Amber Griffiths.

Mr. Greene has been a Bellingham resident for about 1 year and would like to be involved in town government. Mr. Gabrielle has been a resident for 9 years and is looking to be a part of an open-minded board that has a unique role in the town. Ms. Griffiths has lived in town for 4 years and would like to be on the Planning Board to help shape the future direction of the town.

The Board asked each candidate questions about his/her background and the reason for his/her interest in the position. The Board also stressed the importance of reading the Town's bylaws to educate themselves on how the process works and to learn what laws/rules govern development in the town. The Board also emphasized the importance of being open-minded when present at the meetings and to be ready to enforce the bylaws but also be open to compromise.

GCW explained that the Associate member will only vote for special permits. SJW informed the applicants that this is a 3-year joint appointment with the Board of Selectman (BOS) who will have to approve the candidate as well.

PMB explained that the Board will think about it and a decision will be made on July 12th at the Planning Board meeting. SJW will let the candidates know when the decision is made and they will have to go to BOS meeting in August. GCW explained how the process works for the Planning Board and BOS.

General Business:

- 6/14/12 Minutes
- Sign Vouchers

PMM: Motion to sign the June 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes.

GCW: Second.

Vote: Carried 5-0. (PMB, GCW, PMM, RHO, PP)

GCW: Motion to sign the June 14, 2012 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

PP: Second.

Vote: Carried 4-0. (PMB, GCW, PMM, PP) RHO Abstained

RHO: Motion to sign the vouchers.

GCW: Second.

Discussion: SJW explained the payroll.

Vote: Carried 5-0. (PMB, GCW, PMM, RHO, PP)

SJW explained about the Toll Brothers (Bellingham Estates) issue that has come to the Board's attention. On June 20, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice announced that Toll Brothers Inc., one of the nation's largest homebuilders, will pay a civil penalty of \$741,000 to resolve alleged Clean Water Act violations at its construction sites in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, *Massachusetts*, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. SJW has asked Town Counsel Jay Talerman to call the EPA regional counsel to notify the EPA that the Town continues to have problems with Toll Brothers in the Bellingham Estates subdivision and that the issues are not considered resolved.

SJW explained about NPS grant application that the Planning Office is trying to complete to obtain a NPS grant for technical assistance to improve the SNETT. The Planning Office has requested and received many letters of support for the application and it looks like the Office will have a very competitive application.

RHO questioned whether Mike Sutherland of Jolicoeur Doors has ever responded to the Board's requests. PMB stated no and requested that the Board extend an invitation to him to come back in front of the Board. PMB also reminded the Board that Mr. Sutherland was already given a permit and was not obligated to comply with the Board's requests.

GCW: Motion to adjourn.

PMM: Second.

Vote: Carried 5-0. (PMB, GCW, PMM, RHO, PP)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING

June 28, 2012

Minutes Accepted on: 7-26-12
(Date)

Jean Keyes
(Prepared by: Jean Keyes)

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