

Planning Board Minutes
Meeting – March 3, 2014

Present: John Waite, John Baronas, Rachel Blain, Roger Sadoski

Absent: Paul Allis, Max Antes, Lynn Rose

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm by Chair, John Waite. Minutes of the February 2014 meeting were approved in a motion made by Roger Sadoski and seconded by John Waite. (2-1-1) John Baronas voted against acceptance, as he wanted there to be recognition of his desire to establish a policy that the budget of the Board be reduced by a small amount each year.

Old Business:

- Solar panels at the Old Deerfield Treatment Plant – John Waite reported the Energy Committee has sought help from Peter Talmedge, for technical assistance and Andrea Woods (FROG) for an RFP and persons, including Mark Stinson (DEP) and Ron Bohonowicz (ZBA). DEP has requested some information about flooding.

New Business:

- Housing Production Plan - Pat Smith will be asked to work on zoning changes that may be needed. Paul Allis and Rachel Blain will represent the Planning Board. Others including MJ Adams (HRA) and Alyssa Larose (FRCOG) and Betty Turner (COA) will also be on the Town's Committee.
- Approval - The recent bylaws voted by the Town have been approved by the Attorney General.
- Storm Water Bylaw - Present – Kip Komosa
Mr. Komosa questioned the impact of the Stormwater Bylaw, suggesting that it be changed or repealed. Using Walter's Propane as an example he asked how the bylaw was applied. His point was that this bylaw has a negative impact on the town and environment. He would like to have the bylaw repealed. The Board requested that he provide specific suggestions for improving/revising it.
- Annual Report - John Waite will contact Paul Allis regarding putting together something for the Annual Report.

Other Business:

- Signs - John Baronas reported that he was asked by the Building Inspector and the ZBA chair to bring up the matter of imposing a moratorium on off-premises signs while the sign committee reviews/ revises the sign bylaws. This will be put on agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

At the next meeting on April 7, 2014, several items may be included: Housing Production plan bylaws, plans for solar panels at the Old Deerfield Treatment Plant, and the request for a moratorium on off-premise by the sign committee.

At 8:12 pm a motion was made by John Baronas to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps