

Planning Board Minutes
Meeting – April 7, 2014

Present: John Waite, Paul Allis, John Baronas, Roger Sadoski
Absent: Max Antes, Rachel Blain, Lynn Rose

The meeting was called to order by John Waite at 7:08 pm with a reading of the agenda.

Minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting were approved with amendments in a motion made by John Baronas, seconded by Roger Sadoski and voted. (3-0-1)

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

Housing Production Plan – The subcommittee had nothing to report. It was suggested that Pat Smith (FRCOG) be consulted to look at zoning bylaws to see if any changes might be needed.

Energy Committee – There is nothing new to report at this meeting. The Committee will present a site plan to the Planning Board for review. John Baronas reported he has heard the committee may be looking for some permitting relief. This seemed reasonable, since the whole town would benefit from the project.

New Business:

Change of meeting date – Due to voting in Town Hall on the usual PB meeting date, the May meeting date will be Wednesday May 7th.

Mail: Two public hearings were noted: The Board of Selectmen will hold a hearing on permitting a home business at 123 North Main Street. On April 9th the ZBA will hold a hearing regarding a permit for auctions to be held at 220-222 Greenfield Road.

Annual Town Report: John Waite and Paul Allis will work on a submission for the Annual Town Report. It was suggested this is something administrative support people could do.

Subcommittee Reports:

Signage Committee – A motion was made by John Baronas, seconded by Paul Allis, and voted to implement a moratorium on off-premise signs. (3-0-1) there was discussion about a request from the Building Inspector that a fee schedule be created.

Open Space Committee – no report

Regional Planning Board – John Baronas reported that there was a preliminary discussion about impending changes to the rail road including speeds and stops. He said Elm Street is one of the major crossings along the route and recommended that people show up at meetings to voice their opinions and concerns. The proposed natural gas line was mentioned. At this point there is a lot of speculation about the route it will take and the ultimate intent (possibly to reach the coast so that gas can be exported). A project by MassDOT to create a sidewalk from the Park & Ride lot up Rts. 5&10 to Elm Street was mentioned.

A motion was made by John Baronas, seconded by Paul Allis, and voted, to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps