



PLANNING BOARD

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Members: Pam Desjardins, Chair,
Jim Trompke, Vice Chair
Robert Sheehan, Jr., Member
Glen Sexton, Member
Jay Joyce, Member

Others: Frank Marion – Zoning Board of Appeals
Steve Chojnacki - Selectboard
Lillian Camus

Absent: None

Meeting: Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Location: One Library Lane, Top Floor, Granby, MA

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Pam Desjardins called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Administrative Items

Reorganize –

- Motion was made by Bob Sheehan, Jr. for Glen Sexton as Chairman. Glen Sexton accepted the position. Seconded by Pam Desjardins. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- Motion was made by Pam Desjardins for Jim Trompke to continue as Vice Chairman. Jim Trompke accepted the position. Seconded by Glen Sexton. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- Motion was made by Glen Sexton for Bob Sheehan, Jr. as Treasurer. Bob Sheehan, Jr. accepted the position. Seconded by Jay Joyce. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

- Motion was made by Jim Trompke for Jay Joyce as PVPC Representative. Jay Joyce accepted the position. Seconded by Bob Sheehan, Jr. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Approve Bills – No bills to approve

Approve Minutes –

Approval of May 23, 2016 Minutes

Pam Desjardins asked if there were any additional changes to the May 23, 2016 minutes. No additional changes were made to the minutes.

Motion was made by Bob Sheehan, Jr. and seconded by Jay Joyce to approve the May 23, 2016 minutes. Jim Trompke abstained. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

Approval of April 25, 2016 Minutes

Pam Desjardins asked if there were any changes to the April 25, 2016 minutes. No changes were made to the minutes.

Motion was made by Bob Sheehan, Jr. and seconded by Glen Sexton to approve the April 25, 2016 minutes. Jay Joyce abstained. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

Approval of May 11, 2016 Minutes

Pam Desjardins asked if there were any changes to the May, 2016 minutes. One change which was to add Jr. after Bob Sheehan's name.

Motion was made by Bob Sheehan, Jr. and seconded by Glen Sexton to approve the May 11, 2016 minutes. Jay Joyce abstained. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

Recording Secretary

Motion was made by Jim Trompke and seconded by Bob Sheehan, Jr. to pay Lillian Camus \$15 per hour to create minutes for the Planning Board as needed. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

New Business

Veterans War Memorial Sign

The Board discussed if the issue of the Veterans War Memorial sign falls under their purview. Further discussion was tabled until a joint meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Discussion of property line setbacks to signage in the professional business overlay district

Pam Desjardins suggested adjusting the property line setback as it is currently in the bylaws because it is too far back for some signs to be seen. The current bylaw says 20 feet for setback.

Bob Sheehan, Jr. suggested if the bylaw is changed verbiage is added about line of sight when changing the setback.

Jim Trompke added concern about the signage noting it is a professional business district and not looking to bring in people.

Jay Joyce noted the sign at Subway is so low you can't see around it to get out into the highway. Pam Desjardins explained there were special circumstances for that sign due to the limited space available.

The Board will ask Larry Smith to look at the current language in Item 3 section F V in the bylaw and provide suggestions.

The Board tabled further discussion to a workshop with Larry Smith at a later date.

Discussion of business estate lots

Discussion tabled as Larry Smith is still working on this.

PVPC – Local Planning Assistance for FY2017

Pam Desjardins asked the Board if they had a chance to review the PVPC contract.

Motion was made by Bob Sheehan, Jr. and seconded by Jim Trompke to sign the PVPC 2017 contract. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Duplexes

Pam Desjardins gave the Board some background information as to why this came up. Two single women want to put two small houses close together on a lot. They do not want a duplex. A total of 1 ½ to 2 acres are available. Pam spoke with Don Zebrowski as it is really a Zoning Board of Appeals issue.

Pam Desjardins would like a bylaw to address the issue of duplexes.

Bob Sheehan, Jr. noted the building inspector in the past has allowed in-law suites.

Jim Trompke would support a duplex bylaw with limitations based on setbacks for water and sewer and a minimum of site plan approval.

The Board tabled further discussion to a workshop with Larry Smith at a later date.

Old Business and Information

Discussion on the following items was postponed

- Sewer/Water Infrastructure
- Master Plan Update
- Retaining Consultant Fees
- Bylaws Updates
- Decision: Site Plan Review – 44 Chicopee Street

Next Meeting

The next Planning Board meeting will be Monday, June 27, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Carnegie Library.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. by Bob Sheehan, Jr. and seconded by Jim Trompke. Motion carried 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the June 6, 2016 Planning Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Camus
Recording Secretary