

Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2014

Milton Planning Board

The twenty-first meeting of the Planning Board for Fiscal Year 2014 was held on April 23, 2014 in the Cronin Conference Room, Milton Town Office Building beginning at 6:30 P.M. Present were Chairman Whiteside, Members Lynch, Duffy, Innes and Kelly, and Town Planner Clark.

Approval of past meeting minutes was deferred.

Meetings were scheduled to precede Town Meeting on May 5th and 6th at the High School and a meeting was scheduled for May 15th at the Town Office Building.

No citizens chose to speak at citizens speak.

The written decision approving the Schoolman Way subdivision was signed by the Board. It will be filed with the Town Clerk.

Chairman Whiteside announced that there will be a public discussion on a possible warrant article concerning condominium development at the Boards meeting on May 15th.

Senator Brian Joyce and Selectmen Chairman Denis Keohane presented Member Bernard J. Lynch, III written testimonials on behalf of the State Senate and the Board of Selectmen for his 25 years of outstanding service on the Planning Board and for his many civic accomplishments and contributions to Milton. Marvin Gordon and Margaret Donovan made remarks on their friendship and appreciation for Mr. Lynch and his service to the Town. On behalf of the Planning Board Chairman Whiteside expressed the Board's thanks and best wishes to Mr. Lynch. Ms. Donovan provided ice cream and a short social hour in honor of Mr. Lynch ensued.

At 7:15 a public hearing on the Planning Boards recommendation of citizens' petition for a warrant article entitled Landscaping Business Use was held. The article is article 2 on a Special Town Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Annual Town Meeting in May. The article would establish a Special Permit procedure to grant operating permits to landscaping businesses in existence in July 2012. At the commencement of the hearing Chairman Whiteside announced that he would not recuse himself from participation in the hearing as requested by Attorney Matthew Dunn. Mr. Dunn's written request and Chairman Whiteside's written response are annexed.

Edward Corcoran, attorney for Thayer Nursery made remarks in support of the article. Philip Johenning an abutter to Thayer Nursery expressed numerous dissatisfactions with Thayer Nursery's operations and showed a video with sound made by another abutter which catalogued vehicles at that Thayer Nursery and their noise. John Rowe, also an abutter to Thayer Nursery, also expressed dissatisfactions with Thayer Nursery's operations. Messrs. Johenning and Rowe opposed the warrant article. Margaret Oldfield and Joshua Oldfield made comments in support of Thayer Nursery and the warrant article. Pamela Lepore, an abutter, expressed dissatisfaction with

Thayer Nursery's operation and doubt that they could be made acceptable. Dr. Martin Dunn and Scott Johnson made statements supportive of Thayer Nursery. The hearing was closed, and after discussion the Board voted by four affirmative and one abstention (Member Duffy) to recommend several amendments to the article and to recommend that Town Meeting vote in favor of the article as so amended, the Board's recommendation is amended.

At 10:15 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

Alexander Whiteside

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Chairman