

Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2013

Milton Planning Board

The fourth meeting of the Milton Planning Board for fiscal year 2014 was on Thursday August 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the John Cronin Conference Room Milton Town Office Building.

In attendance were Planning Board members Alexander Whiteside-Chairman, Edward L. Duffy, Emily Keys Innes, Bernard J. Lynch, III, Planning Director William Clark and Administrative Clerk Jean M. Peterson. Member Michael L. Kelly was absent from the meeting.

1. **Administrative Tasks**

The Board approved the Minutes of July 25th and August 8th. Future meeting dates were scheduled for September 12th and September 26th.

2. **Citizens Speak**

Margaret Donovan of 41 Central Avenue addressed the Board to discuss health and environmental concerns caused by ragweed at 131 Eliot Street. She inquired about the time frame for the demolition of 131 Eliot Street and asked the Board to inform neighbors in advance. She expressed concerns about parking at 36 Central Avenue.

3. **Old Business**

Discussion of Warrant Articles

Member Innes recommended postponing the submittal of Articles 10 and 11 which pertain to allowing bed & breakfasts and placing a tax on them. Postponement would allow the Board more time to address and develop zoning and regulations relative to B&Bs. Chairman Whiteside made a motion to request that the Selectmen remove Articles 10 and 11 from the Warrant. The Board voted unanimously in favor. The Board also discussed Article 14 which addresses amending language in Section IX of the Zoning Bylaws. Chairman Whiteside made a motion to remove Article 14 from the Warrant to allow the Board more time for review. The Board voted unanimously in favor. The Board discussed Article 15 which pertains to the proposal by the Government Study Committee for an alternate member to serve on the Planning Board. The discussion focused on the need for such a member and whether the alternate member should be elected or appointed. The Board agreed that procedures for an alternate member need to be specified.

Discussion of Section III.F of Zoning Bylaws – *removal of words “related production”*

Chairman Whiteside stated his dissatisfaction with the language in the Article 13 and that he would like it re-written. Member Innes agreed. Chairman Whiteside suggested that the Selectmen be requested to remove Article 13 from the Warrant. Member Innes made a motion to remove Article 13 from the Warrant. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Discussion of Medical Marijuana issues

Member Innes stated that she had met with Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan and Health Agent Michael Blanchard and agreed on a general process in adopting a bylaw: Two important issues are the *language* of the warrant article and *physical location* of a dispensary. The Town Planner stated that state regulations require the operator to be non- profit. The Board stated that there will be a public forum to include discussions on physical location, growing, production and sale.

4. **Other Business:**

- Update - 131 Eliot Street Development

The Board discussed the 131 Eliot Street development. Chairman Whiteside stated that the development will create 19 additional parking spaces for existing businesses. He informed the Board that public hearings would begin when an application is complete and that the Board of Selectmen are in charge of an RFP for sale of the Town’s portion of the site.

Town Planner’s Report

The Town Planner informed the Board that he is working on the following issues:

- Articles for Town Meeting
- Rink Management
- East Milton design engineering contract
- Fallon Building site (formerly “Cakes”)

The Town Planner provided the Board with a handout with information for the Master Plan Committee. He informed the Board that the 3 proposals for Phase 2 of the Master Plan are on the Town’s website, www.Miltonmasterplan.org. Interviews are scheduled for September 12th as follows:

Community Circle	6:45 p.m.
VHB	7:30 p.m.
Brown Walker	8:15 p.m.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Edward L. Duffy
Secretary