

**STURBRIDGE PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

Ms. Gibson-Quigley called the regular meeting of the Planning Board to order at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Gibson-Quigley noted the members present.

Present: Russell Chamberland
James Cunniff
Sandra Gibson-Quigley, Chair

Also Present: Diane M. Trapasso, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Charles Blanchard
Penny Dumas
Heather Hart
Susan Waters, Clerk

Ms. Gibson-Quigley opened the meeting and read the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lack of quorum, the draft minutes of April 12, 2016 could not be voted.

TOWN PLANNER UPDATE

None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gibson-Quigley stated that at the last Planning Board meeting a member questioned the Publick House landscaping not being finished. So, this is why Mr. Glick is here to explain.

Ms. Gibson-Quigley stated that Mr. T. Chamberland was asked to visit the site. Mr. T Chamberland stated that there were a few items that have not been done yet.

Mr. Glick, General, manager of the Publick House was present for a discussion on the landscape plan for the Chamerlain House.

Mr. Glick stated because of the weather they were delayed with the finish work outside and the plantings.

Mr. Glick's comments are the following:

- The front (Rte. 131) and east sides have not been started due to the rain; these areas are expected to be completed by May 25, 2016 – two additional red cedar trees being planted on the east side
- “smoke house” two trees have been removed – Mr. Glick stated that during construction it was noted and discussed with the Board they these two trees would not survive and were cut down – planted three arborvitaes were planted where the two trees were removed plus two more red cedar trees
- Rear of the property has a number of items not done – Mr. Glick stated that during construction it was identified that the proposed walkway would not meet code due to the grade area. It was not possible to make the grade meet code so the walkway was removed from the plan. The purpose of the lower retaining wall was to hold back the ground in order to install the walkway. By removing the walkway, the lower retaining wall was not required. The shrubs and light poles were also removed from the plan due to not having the walkway. Four additional light poles that were not on the plan were added to the brick walkway from the smokehouse to the parking lot.
- Due to being behind schedule and having a wedding in early May 2015 they put sod in the area where the two apple trees were to be located just to have a finished look for the wedding season. They planned on installing these trees in the spring prior to the 2016 wedding season. They discovered the newly planted sod where the trees were planned to go became a popular lawn area for guests to gather during weddings. Due to the popularity of this lawn, they decided it’s better for their business needs to have this area a beautiful green lawn.
- A 25 foot stone retaining wall that was not on the plan was added to the rear corner of the building. They planted 13 arborvitaes along this stone wall to enhance this area.
- Existing steps were not relocated they were rebuilt with granite. The timber retaining wall was replaced with a new stone retaining wall. To the right of the stairs they installed a new stone wall and garden bed to help the existing sewer cleanout. These items were not part of Chamberlain House project, they were improvements made to the tent site.
- Mr. Glick stated that the ten lilacs will be planted elsewhere
- Mr. Glick also stated that additional shrubbery will be added along the back of the building at the top of the lawn
- Mr. Glick stated that the landscaping will be beautiful, this is what they pride themselves.

The Board asked MR. Glick to prepare a plan that shows the revisions explained. The Board thanked Mr. Glick for his presentation.

CMPRC – Annual meeting – June 9, 2016 @ Leicester Country Club – 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Teddy G’s – patio open

NEXT MEETING

May 24, 2016

On a motion made by Mr. Chamberland, and seconded by Ms. Gibson-Quigley, and voted 3– 0, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.