

**WARREN PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

PRESENT: Mr. Peter Krawczyk, Mr. David Messier, Mrs. Melissa Sepanek and Mr. Bill Scanlan

ABSENT: Mr. Bill Ramsey and Mrs. Susan Libby

Opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM

COMMENTS & CONCERNS - NONE

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

The Planning Board is anticipating sponsoring several zoning amendments at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for October 29, 2013.

- Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Facilities
- Associate Planning Board Member
- Agricultural Restriction

Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Facility- The draft that Mr. Scanlan has provided to the Board for review is a sample from the Attorney General's Office. If passed, protection is afforded to the town for 1 year in order to work on the actual bylaw. Previous discussions took place on this and the Board is comfortable with the wording.

Associate Planning Board Member – The Board took this provision under consideration in light of the fact that many of our processes require a super majority vote. Taking into consideration work schedules and possible conflicts of interest, the board thought that it would behoove the process to have a position available. Mr. Krawczyk stated that he spoke with West Brookfield and they stated that they use their secretary. If approved, appointment of the position would be by the Planning Board. Stipulations and restrictions do apply. (The Associate Planning Board Member position is only used in a case of needing a proper number of votes should one not be available from the elected personnel).

Agricultural Restriction – This proposal was in response to complaints that were lodged with both the Board of Health and Animal Control Officer. Recently, a number of complaints have been filed with the two offices with regarding chickens, goats and the like. Namely, the issues of the keeping of livestock confined to the owners property. After a discussion and review of the draft, the Board felt that it would be more appropriate to have this be proposed as a general bylaw with enforcement by either the Board of Selectmen or Animal Control Officer. Mr. Scanlan will provide a condensed version for review.

The Public Hearing for the proposed zoning amendments is scheduled for October 16, 2013 at 6:30 PM. Proper notifications will be done as required.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to sign payroll for Rebecca Acerra in the amount of \$215.47 made by Mrs. Sepanek; second: Mr. Messier – unanimous.

Motion to sign the invoice for Wm. Scanlan in the amount of \$1,300.00 made by Mrs. Sepanek; second: Mr. Messier – unanimous.

FIRST WIND ENERGY, LLC – BORREGO SOLAR

David Albrect from Borrego Solar provided a plan and narrative that requested a modification to Site C access road. After reviewing the plan that depicts the road bumping in for approximately 6’ in width for 200’ in length does not violate zoning. The plan was approved as submitted.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tentative dates for upcoming meetings are October 9th and October 16th both beginning at 6PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mrs. Sepanek; second: Mr. Messier –unanimous at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Secretary

Date Approved_____