

WEST NEWBURY PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
January 8, 2013

Pursuant to a meeting notice posted by the Town Clerk and delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the West Newbury Planning Board was held on January 8, 2013 in the Planning Board Office. Board members Ann Bardeen, Raymond Cook, Richard Bridges, Brian Murphey, and John Todd Sarkis, Chair, attended. Associate Member Dennis Lucey and staff member Jean Nelson were also present.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM.

Review of revisions to draft Site Plan Review Zoning Bylaw and Regulations

The most recent drafts had been distributed to the Board after the December 18, 2012 meeting. The drafts are considered ready for a Public Hearing.

Vote on submittal of Zoning Bylaw Amendments to the Board of Selectmen, review of calendar for Public Hearing and submittals

The Board reviewed a list of proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments.

Motion made by Cook, seconded by Bardeen, to submit the following list of proposed zoning Bylaw Amendments to the Board of Selectmen for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

Site Plan Review, Section 8.B.: To replace the existing Zoning Bylaw with a new Zoning Bylaw.

Groundwater Protection Overlay District, Section 10.: To amend the GPOD Map to incorporate Byfield Water District Zone II, as requested by the Byfield Water District, and to revise the title of the Map to correspond to the Zoning Bylaw.

Open Space Preservation Development, Section 6.B.: revisions to Sections 6.B.3., 6.B.8., and 6.B.13.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Board reviewed a timeline for Public Hearing and related actions, and decided to hold the Public Hearing for Zoning Bylaw Amendments on February 5, 2013.

Review and discussion of potential Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

The Board reviewed recent sample amendments from other communities which Town Counsel has passed along. Following discussion, it was decided to not take any action at this time.

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The Minutes were reviewed and edited.

Motion made by Cook, seconded by Bardeen, to approve the Minutes as edited. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Review of draft Signs Bylaw

Sarkis gave a brief history of the Signs Bylaw. A new bylaw proposed at Town Meeting several years ago had failed.

In the past, various people and groups have worked on drafting a new bylaw. Initially, he, Glenn Clohecy, Building Inspector, and David Kapturowski, Finance Committee, had worked to craft a bylaw which would be content neutral and meet the Town's wishes. Then he and Bridges had met several times, and more recently, he, Bridges and Nelson have worked on the draft to bring it to this draft.

Murphey said that he objected to a table for various signs in the zoning districts as being too prescriptive. Many signs are standard size from the AASHTO or some type of handbook, and do not need maximum dimensions.

"Feather" flags or banners, which are appearing in many locations, were discussed as temporary and perhaps a distraction to drivers.

Correspondence

A copy of a submittal to the Groveland ZBA from James Bussing for an amended Comprehensive Permit at 151 Center Street was discussed. A Comprehensive Permit was approved in the past at that location. The Public Hearing will be held on January 16, 2013.

Motion to adjourn, 10 PM.

Submitted by,

Jean Nelson
Planning Board Administrator

These Minutes were approved by the Planning Board on January 22, 2013.