

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

Members present were: Bart Elsbach, Anthony Gulotta, B. Gillooly, Christopher Tomich and Rene Wood.

Gail Ullman, discussion of parking for proposed boardinghouse: Ms. Ullman explained to the Board that the setback restrictions make it difficult for her to provide enough parking. The Board considered a map showing possibilities for parking and discussed them.

Building Inspector submitted decision on Small-Anacreon property: The decision, attached, states that although the premises are located in both the towns of Sheffield and New Marlborough, the Zoning By-Laws of Sheffield will apply because the house will be in Sheffield.

Mike Parsons, representing Gregory Small and Claire Anacreon, presented a Draft Special Permit Application for an Alternative Lot Dimension: Board members inquired if the lot was in existence on January 25, 1994. Mr. Parsons stated that current dimensions of the lot were created on March 10, 1994, when a plan was filed. The Board discussed this with Mike and explained that the grandfather clause only covers lots which existed in January of 1994. R. Wood and C. Tomich will talk with town counsel, Sally Bell, about this matter. The application had not been received or stamped by the Town Clerk.

Bill Gillooly and Bart Elsbach were encouraged to meet with the new Planning Board Members, to share their perspectives on the Board activities and process.

Fire Chief Rick Boardman appeared regarding Chris Weld, who has not met the conditions on his common driveway as approved by the Planning Board. The Board referred the Fire Chief to the Building Inspector as the enforcement officer. Chief Boardman stated that one of his concerns is that the road is set on pond sediment and trees have been left to rot there. A. Gulotta and C. Tomich will speak to the Building Inspector.

Minutes of Tuesday April 17 were accepted as amended.

Minutes of Tuesday April 17 Continuation of the Public Hearing for the Special Permit Application for Scott, Kurt and Lisa Bartzsch were accepted as amended.

Town Meeting on May 7: B. Elsbach agreed to present the Planning Board items on the warrant.

Expenses: The Board agreed to pay \$30 to reimburse Cathy and Doc Norris for their attendance at a Regional Planning Commission event and \$70.99 to Rene Wood for expenses.

Mail was reviewed including a notice for a ZBA hearing on DeVries on May 3.

General Board discussion:

The Board discussed reviewing procedure lists for signs and special permits.

The Attorney General's office has said that the typo in the zoning by-laws has to be changed at a town meeting with proper notice. There may be a special town meeting in August where this and other concerns could be taken care of.

B. Elsbach offered some language about signs.

The Board thanked Bart and Bill for their work on the Board and made plans to get together.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00.

9:15 PM A. Gulotta moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Nadia Milleron
Planning Board Secretary