

**DRAFT  
PLANNING BOARD**

MINUTES  
SIGN COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

Attending were: Christopher Tomich, David Smith Sr., Dan Jimmerson and Steve Seward.

Christopher Tomich chaired the meeting.

**Discussion Ensued Regarding the Following Points:**

- ❖ Many signs are in violation of the current bylaw.
- ❖ It was suggested that expanded parameters for signs should be allowed by right and that the condition of most signs should be reviewed by the Building Inspector. It was agreed that most people should not have to ask the Planning Board for a Special Permit for their sign.
- ❖ Under the current bylaw business people in town don't think they can make a sign that can be read well to promote their business.
- ❖ It's unclear how many signs are grandfathered and how many are not in compliance.
- ❖ Signs should promote safety, not cause hazards; readability can create safety issues.
- ❖ One problem with the current bylaw is that it measures the air between the ground and the sign and includes that space in the square foot allotment for the sign.
- ❖ How should the town determine which aspects of window displays are also signs?

**Future Meeting Schedule:** C. Tomich stated that the goal for the sign committee would be to present a revised bylaw at the May Town Meeting. He said the sign committee would meet 2X per month on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM. The next meeting will be October 8 and the following meeting will be October 22.

**Preparation for Next Meeting:** C. Tomich asked everyone to spend an hour and a half over the next 2 weeks revising the bylaw and return with the old bylaw marked up. He asked that people follow the guideline of the old bylaw to make changes. Everyone agreed to bring copies of their proposed revisions for the other committee members. It was suggested that members could look for inspiration to other towns.

The meeting closed at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Nadia Milleron, Secretary to the Planning Board