

PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING Thursday, December 10, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present were: David Smith Sr., Tim Fulco, Margaret Martin, Christopher Tomich and Peter Cherneff. Sign-in sheet attached.

Andy Fetterhoff: C. Tomich spoke with Mr. Fetterhoff since the last meeting about whether or not the Planning Board can sign a Form A application that is not professionally surveyed. C. Tomich spoke with Town Counsel Sally Bell and she said that the Planning Board can only act on a plan stamped by a professional engineer. Mr. Fetterhoff asked for an “endorsement” from the Planning Board to have an accessory or second use.

Tom Carmody, Building Inspector, said that previous discussions have all been about dividing the property. Mr. Carmody said the question regarding a second use is just being asked now for the first time. C. Tomich stated that the questions asked of Town Attorney Sally Bell have all been about a sub-division. The Building Inspector explained that intended use of the premises should be presented to him in writing and he would issue a written decision.

Lydon Update: The applicant is finishing the process with the Conservation Commission, when that is done, he will resume his application before the planning board.

Bylaw Changes: Basic commercial uses will be changed from “not allowed” to “reviewable by Planning Board.” The public hearing will be Wednesday, January 6th at 7pm.

Green Communities Act: Rene Wood gave an update on the legislation for Green Communities and money available for related programs. She explained that there could be additional responsibility for special permits.

Budget: The Planning Board was allotted \$11,000 this year. The town is making efforts to economize. \$6,300 has been spent on clerical services to date from the Planning Board budget.

Form A – Audrey R. Crukshank: Plans for this Form A were signed today.

Minutes: *D. Smith Sr. made a motion, seconded and approved, to accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting on November 12, 2009 as amended.*

Mail: Two bills were submitted to Tim P. Fulco. Notices were received regarding a special permit application from the town of Great Barrington.

Letter to Select Board: The Board reviewed its own request to the Select Board to consider publicizing the actions of the Building Inspector.

The meeting was suspended at 7:55 PM.

The regular business meeting was re-opened at 8:27 PM.

At 8:30 p.m., D. Smith Sr., made a motion, seconded and approved, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron,
Secretary to the Planning Board