

PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, March 11, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): David J. and Melissa M. Consolini

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: Divide into two properties creating a 0.0798 acre non-buildable lot.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): Located on the northerly side of Water Farm Road, Sheffield, Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds Book 763, page 268.

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Kelly, Granger and Parsons. Mark Reynolds and Jack Magnotti were the representatives.

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: The Applicant did not use the current Sheffield Planning Board Form A form; the Board noted that "non buildable lot" needs to be added to the information on the form. In addition all the necessary information, such as abutters, buildings, the entire lot being subdivided is not on the map presented. The map is not a survey and the representatives explained that there is no survey on record. The Board requested that the applicant submit a current Form A, available on the website and present a map with complete information in two weeks.

D. Smith Sr. made a motion, seconded and approved, that Rene Wood take minutes during the presentation of the Form A Application while Nadia Milleron left for a few moments.

Form A Procedure Discussion: The Board discussed whether they need to accept all Form A Applications even when they do not have complete information. Members remembered that Town Attorney Sally Bell has advised that all applications must be accepted. Members felt that advising applicants when something is missing helps produce applications that don't have to be rejected later.

Proposed Revised Sign Bylaws: Joe Kellogg has the proposed bylaw in draft form. Tom Carmody will also review it. David Smith Sr. proposed a list of amendments he believes would be good to add to the current proposed bylaw. He will let Joe Kellogg know about these changes.

Discussion of Proposed Bylaws Governing Sign Lighting: Rene Wood stated that she is concerned about allowing interior illumination of signs. There was discussion on various visual effects of sign lighting and ways to control such effects. The Board agreed that two public hearings would be necessary to address all the issues.

D. Smith Sr. made a motion, seconded and approved, to accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 25, 2010 as amended.

At 7:54 p.m. D. Smith Sr. made a motion, seconded and approved, to suspend the Planning Board's regular business meeting so that the public hearing on the Special Permit Application of Borestone could begin.

At 8:11 p.m. the Board resumed their regular business meeting.

Mail: * The Town of Egremont announced a hearing on proposed amendments to their zoning bylaws March 22 at 7 p.m.

D. Smith Sr. made a motion, seconded and approved, to accept the minutes of the Special Planning Board Meeting of March 4, 2010, held to deliberate on the Special Permit Application of Lydon Developments LLC, as submitted.

Agenda for Next Meeting 3/25: The agenda will include, mail, minutes, resubmission of the Consolini Form A Application, Borestone deliberations and dates set for proposed sign bylaws.

At 8:25 p.m., M. Martin made a motion, seconded and approved, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron,
Secretary to the Planning Board