

PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, February 10, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present were: Christopher Tomich, Tim Fulco, David Smith Sr. and Peter Cherneff; Margaret Martin was absent

Minutes: *P. Cherneff made a motion, seconded by Tim Fulco and approved, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2011 as written.*

Mail: The following mail was reviewed by the Board:

- Notice of a Special Permit hearing in Egremont for a tower for wireless service
- Notice of a Special Permit hearing in Great Barrington for Broken Hill Inc.
- Building Inspector, Tom Carmody, copy of his letter to Sally Strano indicating compliance

Board Revised Form A Application and Guidelines: C. Tomich brought a draft of an improved form and guidelines. The Board reviewed the draft and made changes. Members will bring additional language to the next meeting to complete these revised documents.

Town Warrant: D. Smith Sr. reported that he met with Rene Wood and Joe Kellogg to discuss items to be prepared for the Warrant for the May Town Meeting. Currently the Special Permit Granting authority is divided among various town boards. All the Boards have consensus that this authority should be consolidated in the purview of the Planning Board. Other towns have made this change such as Beckett. Language must be written to accomplish this at the Town Meeting. At the next Planning Board meeting members of the ZBA, Joe Kellogg and any other concerned parties are welcome to give their opinions on appropriate language.

Proposed Accessory Apartment Bylaw: The Board discussed the fact that Sheffield Housing Commission has asked the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to help write language for a proposed bylaw on this topic.

Proposed Sign Bylaw: C. Tomich reported that the Building Inspector says that the proposed language is too subjective. He will rewrite the bylaw to cover the urgent difficulties that businesses are facing, in a simple and limited manner: namely no longer measuring airspace and allowing an off premise sign of sufficient size.

Planning Board Officers: C. Tomich agreed to be Vice Chair until May and then he will be an Alternate Member. All who may be interested in serving on the Planning Board are welcome.

Next Meeting will be February 24.

At 8:05 p.m., C. Tomich made a motion, seconded and approved, to close the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron
Secretary of the Planning Board