

# Town of Sheffield

*Planning Board*

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**Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 7:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting**

**TOWN HALL – 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

Board Members Present: David A. Smith Sr.  
James T. Collingwood Jr.  
Maria Nation

Board Members Absent: Margaret Martin  
Peter Cherneff

Members of the Public Present: David West

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

*James Collingwood moved that the Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, April 24, 2013, be accepted as written. Maria Nation seconded his motion. The three members of the Planning Board who were present approved the motion.*

**Mail:**

- Notice from Great Barrington of construction of a building on Route 7.
- Copy of a Letter to Tom Carmody, from Katherine Miller, attached.

*James Collingwood moved that the Handbook of Massachusetts Land Use and Planning Law, by Mark Bobrowski be updated. Maria Nation seconded his motion. The three members of the Planning Board who were present approved the motion.*

**Special Permit Application:** Adrian and Rhonda Cushwa would like a Special Permit to hold weddings and events at their property on Route 41, 247 South Undermountain Road, Sheffield MA. The Planning Board accepted the application and the \$250 check. They reviewed the application and noted their questions, what the designation is. The public hearing on the Special Permit will be June 7. The number assigned to the application is today's date.

**Adjournment:** James Collingwood made a motion to close this Regular Planning Board Meeting, seconded by Maria Nation. All three Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

At 7:40 PM the Planning Board adjourned their regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nadia Milleron*

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Secretary to the Planning Board

# Planning Board Attachments May 8, 2013

Town of Sheffield Planning Board

Regular Meeting

~~Special Permit Hearing on Application of:~~ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: May 8 2013 Time: 7 PM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Representing</u>
David West	636 Silver St	Me

April 29, 2013

Mr. Thomas Carmody  
Building Inspector, Town of Sheffield  
Town Hall  
Sheffield, MA 01257

Dear Mr. Carmody,

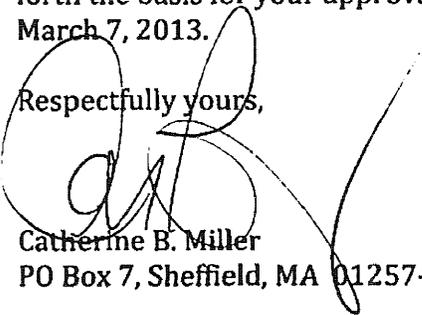
I am writing on behalf of myself and a significant number of Sheffield residents to formally request a notice of determination regarding the issuance on March 7 of a building permit to Primax/Dollar General.

Section D, #30 of the Sheffield Zoning By-laws states a "Retail establishment for the sale of produce, wine, and dairy products" is **prohibited in the Commercial Zone**. Primax has applied to build a Dollar General store. All Dollar General stores throughout the country sell dairy products and Dollar General is publicly seeking to expand its sale of wine in its stores.

The By-Law does not contain any exemption for incidental or limited sales of these products but specifically prohibits any "retail establishments" where such products are sold.

In view of the foregoing, I hereby formally request a notice of determination setting forth the basis for your approval of a building permit for Primax/Dollar General on March 7, 2013.

Respectfully yours,

  
Catherine B. Miller  
PO Box 7, Sheffield, MA 01257-0007

Cc: Board of Selectmen, Town of Sheffield  
ZBA, Town of Sheffield  
✓ Planning Board, Town of Sheffield

# Open Meeting Law forums slated

Attorney General Martha Coakley's Office will hold three forums on the Open Meeting Law throughout the region in the coming months.

The forums are designed to assist state, local, regional and county public bodies in understanding and complying with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law.

The forums will be conducted by attorneys and staff from the AG's Division of Open Government.

The meetings are free and open to the public. Members of public bodies,

municipal employees and members of the general public are encouraged to attend.

Individuals interested in attending are asked to register in advance by calling (617) 963-2925 or by emailing [OMLTraining@state.ma.us](mailto:OMLTraining@state.ma.us).

Registrants are asked to provide their names, towns, what public body/organization they represent (if any), and what forum they will attend.

For more information on the Open Meeting Law, visit [www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting](http://www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting).

## Forum dates and times

The regional educational forums on the Open Meeting Law will be held on these dates:

■ Ayer: Town Hall, 1 Main St.; 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

■ Springfield: Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress St.; 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

■ Greenfield: John Oliver Transportation Center, 12 Olive St.; 6-8 p.m. Wednesday,

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