



Town of Sheffield

Planning Board

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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL – 2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Planning Board Members Present: James T. Collingwood Jr., Chair
David A. Smith, Sr.,
Anthony Gulotta
Daniel Watson
Marie Massini-Reynolds

Members of the Public Present: Ken Smith

Mail: Chair, J. T. Collingwood Jr. reviewed the following mail.

- The Town of Mount Washington Planning Board will hold a public hearing on a Bylaw Amendment to repeal their Solar Photovoltaic Installation Moratorium Bylaw and replace it with a bylaw entitled Solar Photovoltaic Installation, Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7:30 pm. at Town Hall.
- A Copy of the most recent Planning Board bill paid to the Berkshire Record.
- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission's announcement of their 5th Thursday Dinner: "What Do 20 Berkshire Communities Have in common? airbnb.com." This program on Thursday, January 29th will focus on Municipal Considerations for the Short Term Letting of Rooms. Let them know if you want to go.
- Sheffield Land Trust fundraising letter.

Recommendations to Board of Selectmen Regarding 4 Public Hearings held on December 17, 2014:

The Board discussed the four hearings and then made the following motions.

A. Gulotta made a motion to support the Proposed Amendment to Sheffield Bylaws regarding a change to the treatment of "Major Commercial Development" in the Table of Use Regulations from "not allowed" to "allowed by Special Permit by the Planning Board." M. Massini-Reynolds seconded his motion and it was approved unanimously.

A. Gulotta made a motion to support the Proposed Amendment to Sheffield Bylaws regarding a change to the Table of Use Regulations as to the use of the word "Restaurant." M. Massini-Reynolds seconded his motion and it was approved unanimously.

A. Gulotta made a motion to support the Proposed Amendment to Sheffield Bylaws regarding

a Registered Marijuana Dispensary Overlay District. M. Massini-Reynolds seconded his motion and it was approved unanimously.

A. Gulotta made a motion NOT to support the Proposed Amendment to Sheffield Bylaws regarding Smart Meters. M. Massini-Reynolds seconded his motion and it was approved unanimously.

Planning Board Budget, Upcoming Fiscal Year:

The Board discussed spending over the past year and the recent history of Planning Board budgets.

Treasurer, M. Massini-Reynolds made a motion to recommend level funding of the Planning Board to the Select Board. A. Gulotta seconded her motion and it was approved unanimously.

Annual Report: The Board agreed to write a summary of Planning Board activity in 2014 for the Annual Report.

Community Development Block Grant: Rene Wood asked to be on the Planning Board Agenda for the next meeting. She would like to get a letter of support from the Planning Board for the community Development Block Grant. Ms. Wood reported that the Planning Board supported the Grant last year with a letter and that Sheffield and Great Barrington were together awarded \$800,000 for the rehabilitation of housing. She further explained that The Great Barrington-Sheffield Housing Rehabilitation Program (HRP) is managed by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, and provides home improvement assistance in the form of 0% percent deferred payment loans for low/moderate income homeowners.

Minutes:

D. Smith Sr. made a Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes, 6:30 PM December 17, 2014 as amended. D. Watson seconded his Motion and the Motion was approved unanimously.

D. Smith Sr. made a Motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes regarding "Major Commercial Development" in the Table of Use Regulations, 7:00 PM December 17, 2014, as amended. D. Watson seconded his Motion and the Motion was approved unanimously.

D. Smith Sr. made a Motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes regarding the word "Restaurant" in the Table of Use Regulations, 7:15 PM December 17, 2014, as amended. A. Gulotta seconded his Motion and the Motion was approved unanimously.

D. Smith Sr. made a Motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes regarding a Registered Marijuana Dispensary Overlay District, 7:30 PM December 17, 2014, as amended. A. Gulotta seconded his Motion and the Motion was approved unanimously.

D. Smith Sr. made a Motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes regarding Smart Meters, 7:45 PM December 17, 2014, as amended. A. Gulotta seconded his Motion and the Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting Suspended and Briefly Resumed after Public Hearing:

At 7:20 A. Gulotta made a Motion to suspend this meeting and return to it after the public hearing. D. Smith Sr. seconded his motion and it was approved unanimously

At 8:48 A. Gulotta made a Motion to resume the regular meeting. D. Smith Sr. seconded his motion and it was approved unanimously

At 8:50 A. Gulotta made a Motion to adjourn the regular meeting. D. Smith Sr. seconded his Motion and the Motion was approved unanimously.

The next Planning Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 28th, 2015

Respectfully submitted,



Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board