



Town of Sheffield

Planning Board

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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 7:05 PM

TOWN HALL – 1st FLOOR MEETING ROOM

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

Members of the Public Present: Kirt Mayland, Avon CT
Nadine Hawver, 4005 Undermountain Road

The meeting was called to order by Chair, J. Collingwood Jr., at 7:05p.m.

Deliberations on Special Permit Application of Housatonic Solar One LLC: The Board was polled on each aspect of the Special Permit Application of Housatonic Solar One LLC that they are required to review. They filled out the Deliberation Guide. J. Collingwood Jr. will review the Guide with Assistant Town Clerk, Jill Hughes, tomorrow.

The Board added a condition that the Applicant would recognize and comply with any changes to the bylaw imposed by the Attorney General after review.

The Board added a second condition that the plants screening the facility be, at a minimum, five feet high.

Each Board Member voted to GRANT the Special Permit Application of Housatonic Solar One.

Minutes: *D. Smith Sr. made a Motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2015, as modified. A. Gulotta seconded his Motion and it was unanimously approved.*

D. Smith Sr. made a Motion to accept the Public Hearing Minutes of June 10, 2015, as written. M. Massini-Reynolds seconded his Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Planning Board Alternate: A. Gulotta voiced his concern that the Alternate come to some meetings. It was noted that Casey Rothstein, David Rothstein's son, has been appointed by the Select Board but has never attended.

Mail: The Board reviewed the mail, which included:

- A notice for the Town of Egremont Public Hearing regarding a larger parking area accommodating 56 cars plus 2 bus turn-arounds on Route 41, Wednesday, June 24th at 7pm.
- A notice for a Town of Great Barrington Public Hearing, July 13 at 7pm for Kindred Nursing Home. The existing facility plans to continue as it has with no changes, but requires a Special Permit

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC): J. Collingwood Jr. reported that the Board has still not heard from Brian Domina, of BRPC, on the definition of internally lit signs. Discussion ensued about the fact that some signs can't meet the current minimum height requirement because they are on a slope. It was noted that Nadine Hawver's sign at the Ramblewood Inn is a perfect example. A. Gulotta cautioned that proposed changes should be limited to internally illuminated signs, to try to help the school get the sign they need.

BRPC delegate, M. Massini-Reynolds explained that she misses some BRPC meetings at busy times of the year. The other Board Members agreed that this is to be expected.

At 7:45, 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, July 8th, 2015 at 7p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board