



# Town of Sheffield

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## **Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 7:00 PM**

### **TOWN HALL – 1st FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

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

Planning Board Members Absent: David Smith Sr.

Members of the Public Present: Chris and Diana Williams

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

*A. Gulotta made a Motion that all Board Members continue with the positions they assumed on the Board for the previous term into the new term of office that started on May 13th. M. Massini-Reynolds seconded his Motion and it was unanimously approved.*

**Hydrosorbent Dehumidifiers, Possible Special Permit Application:** Diana Williams, President and owner of the company Hydrosorbent Dehumidifiers, currently located at 25 School St. in Ashley Falls, came before the Board to discuss a possible new location for her business. She explained that the business has expanded beyond the current building. Grace Brown is the owner of the property. Ms. Williams would like to continue to stay at the current location, but she believes it is more than likely that Hydroabsorbent will not be allowed to stay on the property when Grace Brown leaves. Ms. Williams explained that she owns the old O'Connor gravel bed on the southern side of Clayton Road. That area is zoned "Rural." Her business fits the category of "light industry." The Aragis could still farm the part of that property which they currently farm. She explained that their current plan is to have a 1 story building built into the berm right next to the road with operations in the basement and retail upstairs and to be classified as retail or perhaps "service establishment, general." Ms. Williams plans to talk with the Building Inspector about what fits best.

J. Collingwood advised the prospective applicant that when the application is submitted, with a survey, a site plan and a building plan, a public hearing will be scheduled. The Board said they look forward to her application.

**Authorization of Payment:** *A. Gulotta made a Motion to pay the Berkshire Record bill for Kirt Mayland's public hearing on June 10. M. Massini-Reynolds seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

**Mail:** The Board reviewed the mail, which included:

- Permit application from Kirt Mayland with \$250
- Notice for public hearing for Conservation Commission tonight
- 2 emails from Stephanie Blumenthal about energy efficiency, now on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
- Town of Egremont having a public hearing on June 24<sup>th</sup> to expand the entrance to the Appalachian Trail on route 41 and make a bigger parking lot.

**By Law Review Wish List:** The Board agreed that it is a priority to amend the sign bylaw to include internally illuminated signs. They will consult with Tom Carmody about the best way to proceed to include such signs. M. Massini-Reynolds asked if the Board can get help from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. She was advised that most probably they can.

**Minutes:** *A. Gulotta made a Motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2015, as amended. M. Massini Reynolds seconded his motion and it was unanimously approved.*

*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, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7p.m. There will be a public hearing. A discussion about internally illuminated signs will also take place.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadia Milleron  
Secretary to the Planning Board