

## Planning Board Minutes

April 4, 2017

Present: Chairman Pitney, Vice Chair Fletcher, Member Raftery, Member Carmichael, Member Cardillo. Absent: Member Pearce and Member Talbot. Also at the meeting were: Anita Schwerner, Christine Rasmussen, Clarence Fanto, John H. Hart, Ellen Lahr, Terry Flynn, Bob Tublitz. Chairman Pitney asked to wait on the approval of the minutes from February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>, Vice Chair Fletcher had additions that she would like to incorporate into the minutes. She would like to wait to review the minutes again and have a motion at the next meeting.

Member Pitney: Next on the agenda is a sign permit at the train station for Schantz Galleries. After discussion and disagreement as to the interpretation of the sign bylaw, Member Pitney asked for a motion to approve the permanent sign application. Chairman Pitney asked for a motion to approve the permanent sign application, Member Cardillo motioned to accept the sign permit and Member Carmichael seconded and the vote was: Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Vice Chair Fletcher – Abstain, Member Cardillo – Yes, Member Carmichael – Yes, the motion carried.

Chairman Pitney asked if the Secretary had heard from any of the Boards regarding the review of the zoning bylaws. She said Tom Schuler would like to represent Zoning Board of Appeals, John Hart at the meeting said he would like to represent Conservation Commission. Chairman Pitney said then there is two then we just have to hear from Preservation; telling Member Fletcher if she wanted to reach out to Carl Sprague on the Historic Preservation Commission he had no problem with that.

Chairman Pitney asked John Hart to explain what he had brought in. John was not at the January Special Town Meeting where there was a vote to appropriate funds for bridges in Town. He would have spoken up regarding South Hill Road bridge/culver which is no longer a road (since the turnpike came through), but someone's driveway. The Town is looking at somewhere between \$235,000 and \$250,000 to repair this public way bridge by standards put forth by the State cost is much more than it is to repair a private bridge, which the state would not get involved in. He wrote a petition article for the Town one to rescind the language use of South Hill Road put in the article of the January meeting and second to discontinue the Town's responsibility of maintaining that road (it is nothing more than a driveway). John wanted to make known that he submits to the Planning Board that the road should be eliminated from those roads that fall under the responsibility of the Town. Chairman Pitney asked who requests the public hearing. The abutters could sue the Town as they would lose their road frontage. John's purpose is to save the Town \$250,000. Chairman Pitney thanked John for volunteering for the Ad Hoc committee and said Members Pearce and Fletcher would get in touch with him.

Chairman Pitney asked for a motion to adjourn, Member Fletcher moved to adjourn and Member Raftery seconded the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Cardillo – Yes, Member Carmichael – Yes, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Carmichael, Secretary