

Planning Board Minutes

August 1, 2017

Present: Chairman Pitney, Vice-Chairman Fletcher, Member Talbot , Member Slosek, Member Pearce, and Jennifer Carmichael Secretary. Absent: Member Raftery and Member Sauer.

Also at the meeting were: Josh Peyron and Patty Caya

Chairman Pitney opened the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the July 18th minutes. Member Slosek moved to approve the minutes and Member Fletcher seconded, the vote was: Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, the motion carried.

Discussion of cut-off dates for item on the agenda and the proposed Massachusetts bill were put off until the next meeting where more members would be present. Member Fletcher did discuss the makeup of the zoning review committee.

Member Fletcher and Member Pearce, who will co-chair, have arrived at a five-member committee with representatives from the zoning board of appeals, conservation commission, and the historic preservation committee as they work on the bylaws on a regular basis. The names to be suggested to the Selectmen for approval are: Jim Murray from Zoning Board of Appeals, Carl Sprague from Historic Preservation Committee, and John Hart from the Conservation Commission. Any zoning bylaw changes will have to be approved by the Planning Board. Patty Caya asked how the decision was made as to where the members would be drawn from and what the composition of the ad hoc committee would be; how many members. There is interest from the second homeowners to be involved and on the committee. Member Fletcher felt she wanted to start with a small and focused group of board representatives who work routinely with the bylaws, so we do not have a resident representative on the committee. Member Pearce added that this would be an initial review and we do not know when these 5 get together whether we broaden it or decide doing a zoning review without a master plan may not make sense. What questions do we get hung up on, is one part of the bylaw out of date or not clear enough? What are we missing in terms of getting it updated, compare it with Mass General Law and how our bylaws compare with bylaws in similar towns. Patty Caya mentioned if the scope of the committee gets broaden the part-time residents would like to be included. When the co-chairs get the schedule out regarding when the meetings will take place, Member Pearce, encouraged the part-time residents to come to those meetings with their input. As we make recommendations they should then be what the Town as a whole wants and needs. Patty Caya told the members that the part time residents have opened a google group and would like to find out in advance the dates for these meetings; if put on the website early she could post a link on their google group for people to easily find. Member Pearce felt the more ways used to get information out the more people will have the information and be more informed.

Josh Peyron asked about summer people and the input they were asking for in the ad hoc group. He wondered if it was just a certain section of town or the whole town where part time residents reside. Patty Caya explained that the second homeowners have no mechanism for finding out or giving input related to an item in town. They started the google group to help all be informed of the goings on in town, not just a small section of part-timers.

Member Pearce asked about having someone from 37 Interlaken Road come and explain what the extra signs are all about. Josh Peyron said the other sign posts with information flyers has been taken down. The most important thing is to keep traffic moving on that stretch of road. During July 4th weekend, he had 23 cars go by his driveway in 63 seconds which is one car every 2.67 seconds; that same weekend a dog was running up the road and backed up cars; the traffic on that road needs to keep moving or accidents could happen. Member Fletcher asked if things were better since the extra signs were down and Josh Peyron felt it had been very quiet up there lately.

Chairman Pitney asked for a motion to adjourn, Member Fletcher moved to adjourn and Member Pearce seconded the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael, Secretary