

Planning Board Minutes

June 6, 2017

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

Also at the meeting were: Jessica Talbot, Shirley Talbot, Josh Peyron, Haldor Reinholt, Doug Collins, Anita Schwerner

Chairman Pitney opened the meeting and thanked Jennifer Carmichael and Dominic Cardillo for serving on the Board last year and welcomed Lisa Sauer and Wayne Slosek as new members to the Board. He also publicly thanked all of those who showed interest in running for the Planning Board. The Board was reconstituted: Member Talbot nominated Gary Pitney for Chairman as he is doing a first-rate job and Member Fletcher seconded the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Member Sauer – Yes, the motion carried. Member Raftery nominated Kate Fletcher for Vice-Chairman and Member Pearce seconded, the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Member Sauer – Yes, the motion carried. Member Talbot nominated Ruth Pearce for Clerk and Member Fletcher seconded and the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Member Sauer – Yes, the motion carried.

Member Fletcher nominated Ruth Pearce for Community Preservation Committee and Member Talbot seconded and the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Member Sauer – Yes, the motion carried. Member Pearce nominated Marie Raftery to represent Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and Member Talbot seconded and the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Member Sauer – Yes, the motion carried.

Chairman Pitney asked for the April 18th minutes to be changed, Member Fletcher motioned to correct or change the minutes and Member Pearce seconded and Member Fletcher read her changes: Member Fletcher asked the representatives from 35-37 Interlaken LLC if they were going to light the sign. They answered that they were not planning to have any lighting at the signs by the road. The vote to approve the changes was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Abstain, Member Sauer – Abstain, the motion carried. Chairman Pitney asked about the April 4th minutes Member Fletcher moved to accept and Member Pearce seconded the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Abstain, Member Sauer – Abstain, the motion carried. Member Pearce in the May 2nd minutes; noting they were subsequently amended to reflect that April 18th minutes were those to be corrected and the April 4th minutes were the ones to be approved. The motion to change these minutes at the June 6th meeting was voted and the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Abstain, Member Sauer – Abstain, the motion carried.

New sign on the wall of the train station was presented and Member Fletcher motioned to approve the sign permit dated May 9th and Member Raftery seconded, the vote was Chairman Pitney – Yes, Member Talbot – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Fletcher – Yes, Member Pearce – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Member Sauer – Abstain, the motion carried.

Haldor Reinholt gave information on his directional signs for the Mews. Member Pearce felt the Board could not give the Mews the sign. Haldor wanted to get rid of the sandwich boards and these were allowed. The Board suggested going up to Tanglewood to see their directional signs on a pole with arrows and he did. Haldor did put the Mews sign on top of the directional sign, using the general sign definition the top of the sign may also need to be directional and be an arrow instead of oval. Being in the business district and after looking at 6.8.8 A(iii) this part of the bylaw covers the oval sign at the top of the pole and can remain and the definition of the sign bylaw covers the rest of the pole.

Chairman Pitney asked if the ad hoc committee had all its members, there are two from ZBA and one from Conservation there is no one from Preservation at this time and no alternate from Planning Board since Dominic was going to be the alternate. These names when gathered will be presented to the Selectmen by Chairman Pitney.

35 and 37 Interlaken Road signs have lights illuminating them from the ground. The lights seem to have sensors, Doug Collins said they are solar lights. Josh Peyron felt the property is vacant and the lit signs are just inviting people to drive in and back out when finding nothing. It causes cars to slow down and then speed away. Doug said they would be happy to take the lights away.

Member Pearce is going to a housing forum for two days and will discuss the housing information when she returns at the next meeting. Member Pearce went to the Air B&B meeting in Lenox, the state may levee a 5% tax on anyone advertising a rental through a portal. The local towns can add another 5% tax on top of what the state charges. The Town needs to anticipate the state doing something and discuss it and have a plan before hearing from the state. Gene asked about who did the inspections and Kate said they were not regulated at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Carmichael, Secretary